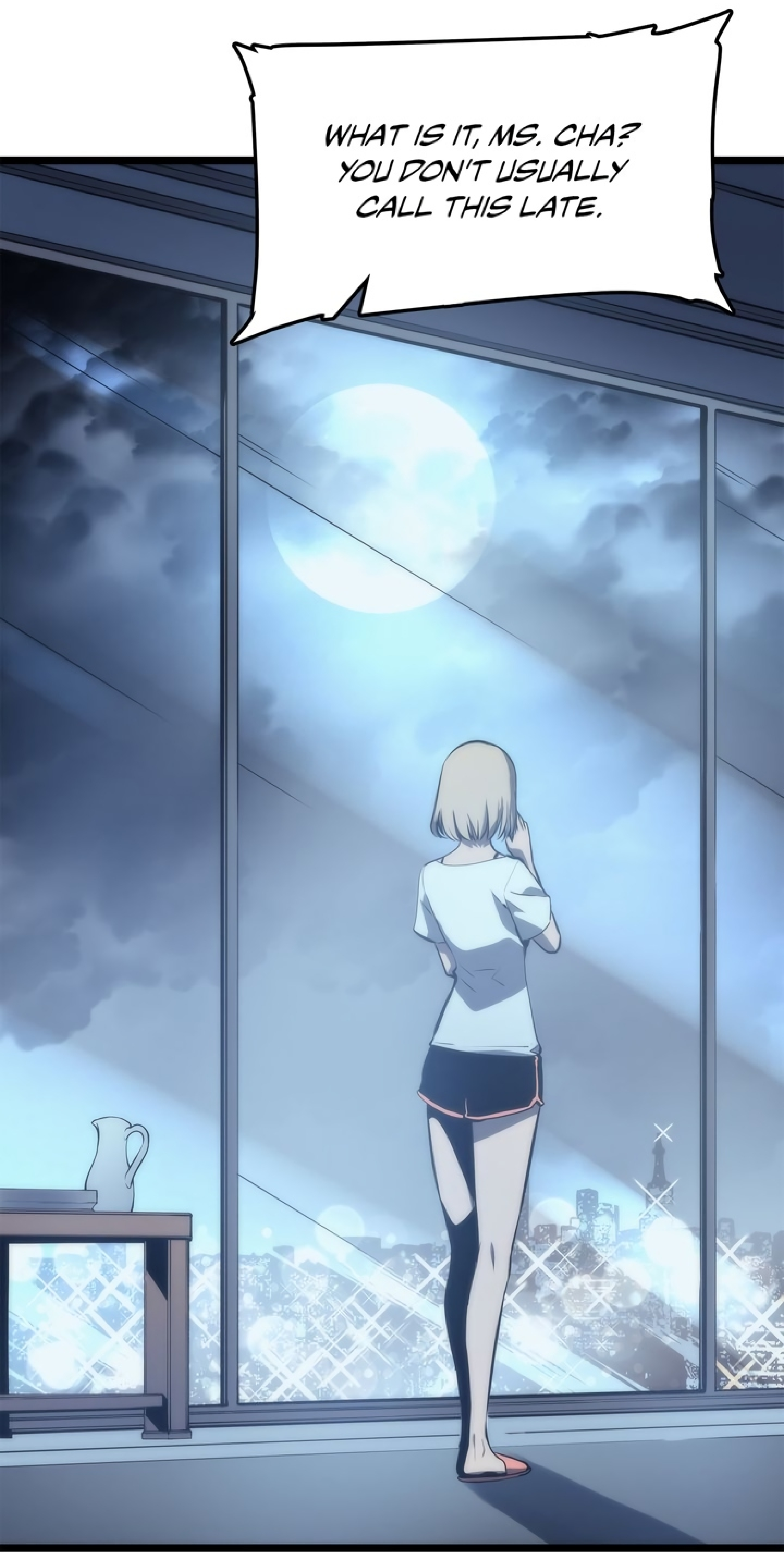
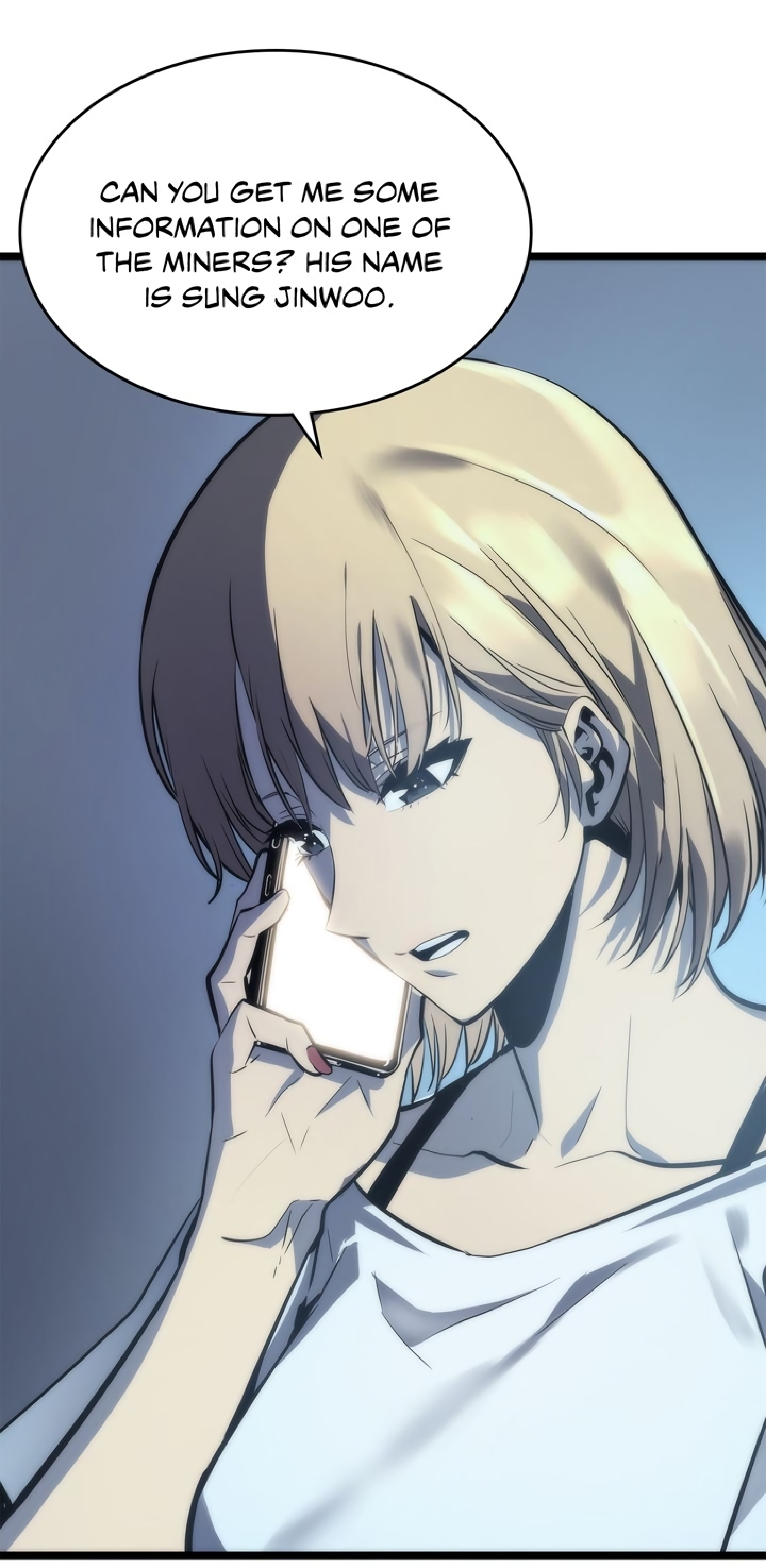

WHAT IS IT, MS. CHA? YOU DON'T USUALLY CALL THIS LATE.


CAN YOU GET ME SOME INFORMATION ON ONE OF THE MINERS? HIS NAME IS SUNG JINWOO.

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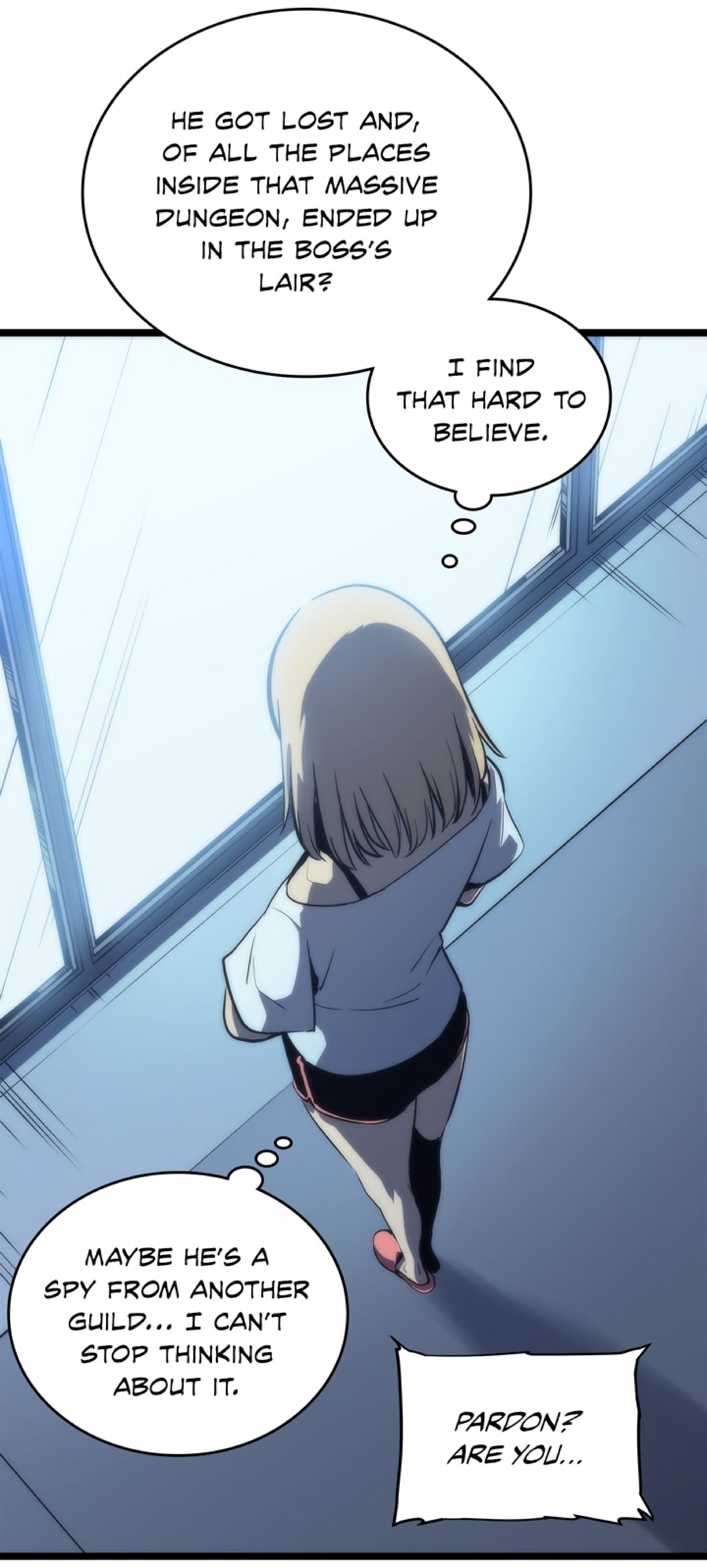
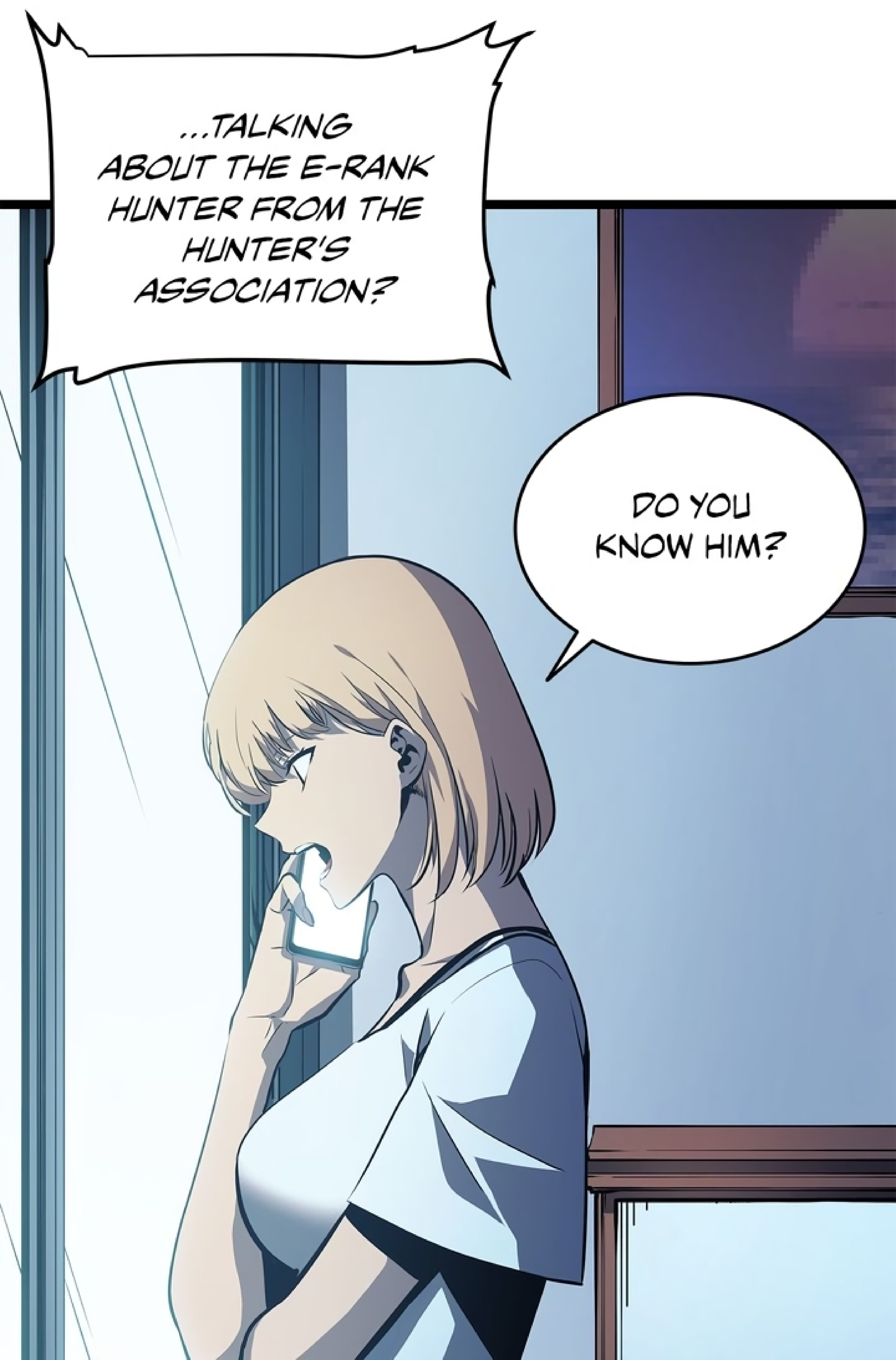
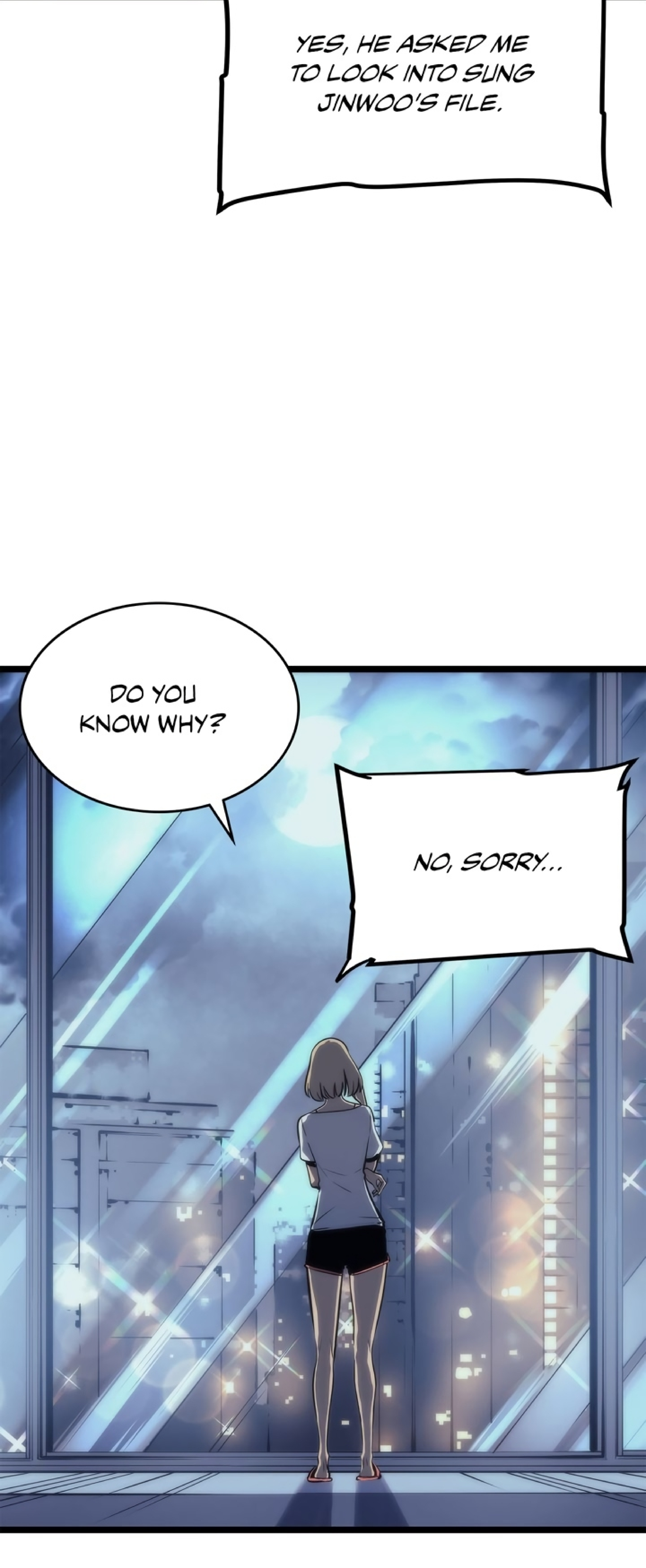
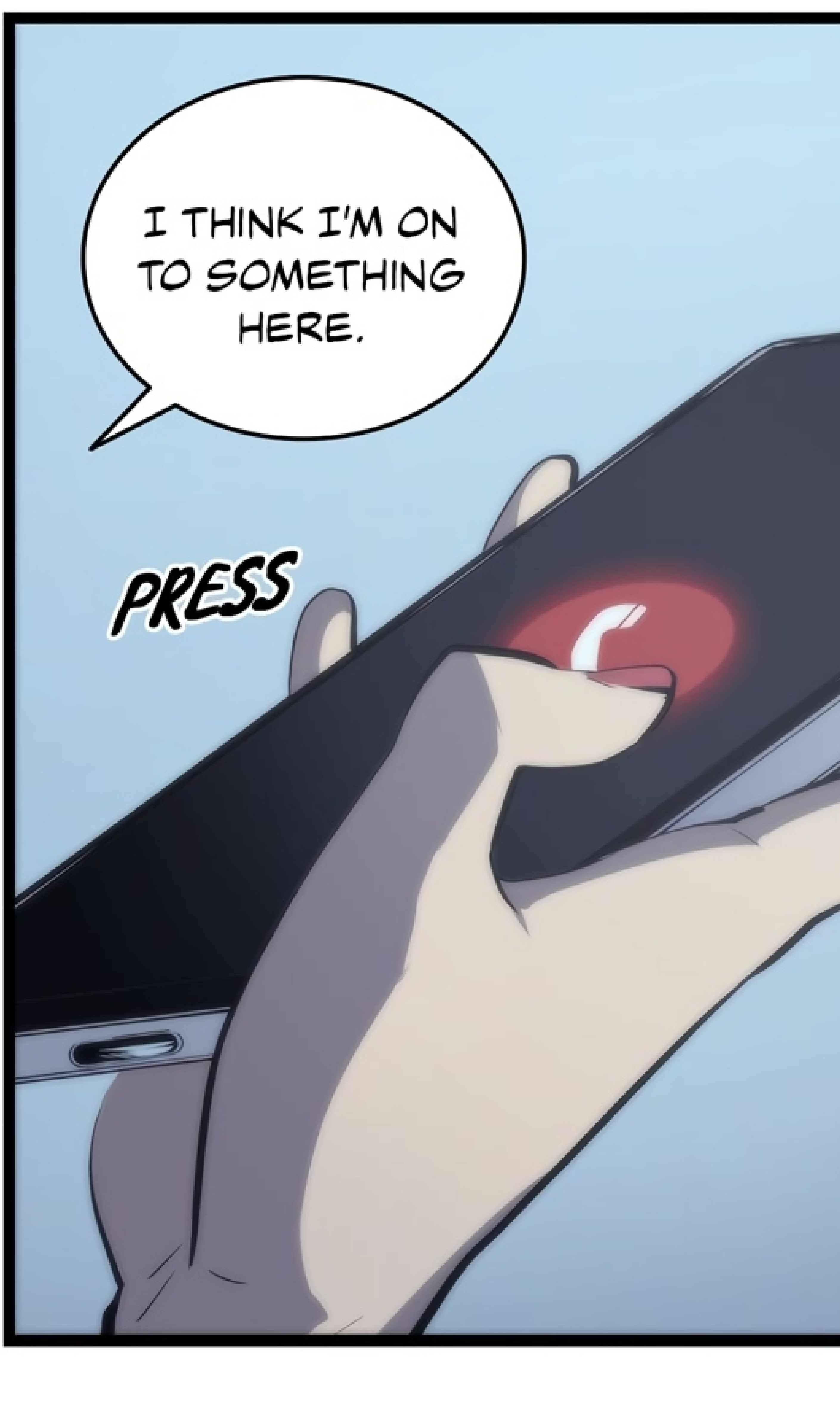

HE GOT LOST AND, OF ALL THE PLACES INSIDE THAT MASSIVE DUNGEON, ENDED UP IN THE BOSS'S LAIR?
I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE.
MAYBE HE'S A SPY FROM ANOTHER GUILD... I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.
PARDON? ARE YOU...


...TALKING ABOUT THE E-RANK HUNTER FROM THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION?
DO YOU KNOW HIM?

AH, WELL...
...ACTUALLY, MR. CHOI MADE THE SAME EXACT REQUEST YESTERDAY.
HE DID?


YES, HE ASKED ME TO LOOK INTO SUNG JINWOO'S FILE.
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
NO, SORRY...

ANYWAY, I'VE BEEN TRYING MY BEST, BUT THE ASSOCIATION HAS CLASSIFIED HIS FILE.
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT DONE BEFORE FOR A HUNTER WHO IS NOT EVEN HIGH-RANKING.
THE MASTER OF THE HUNTERS GUILD WANTS FIND OUT WHO HE IS...
...WHILE THE ASSOCIATION IS TRYING TO CONCEAL HIS INFORMATION? ALL THIS OVER AN E-RANK HUNTER?


I THINK I'M ON TO SOMETHING HERE.
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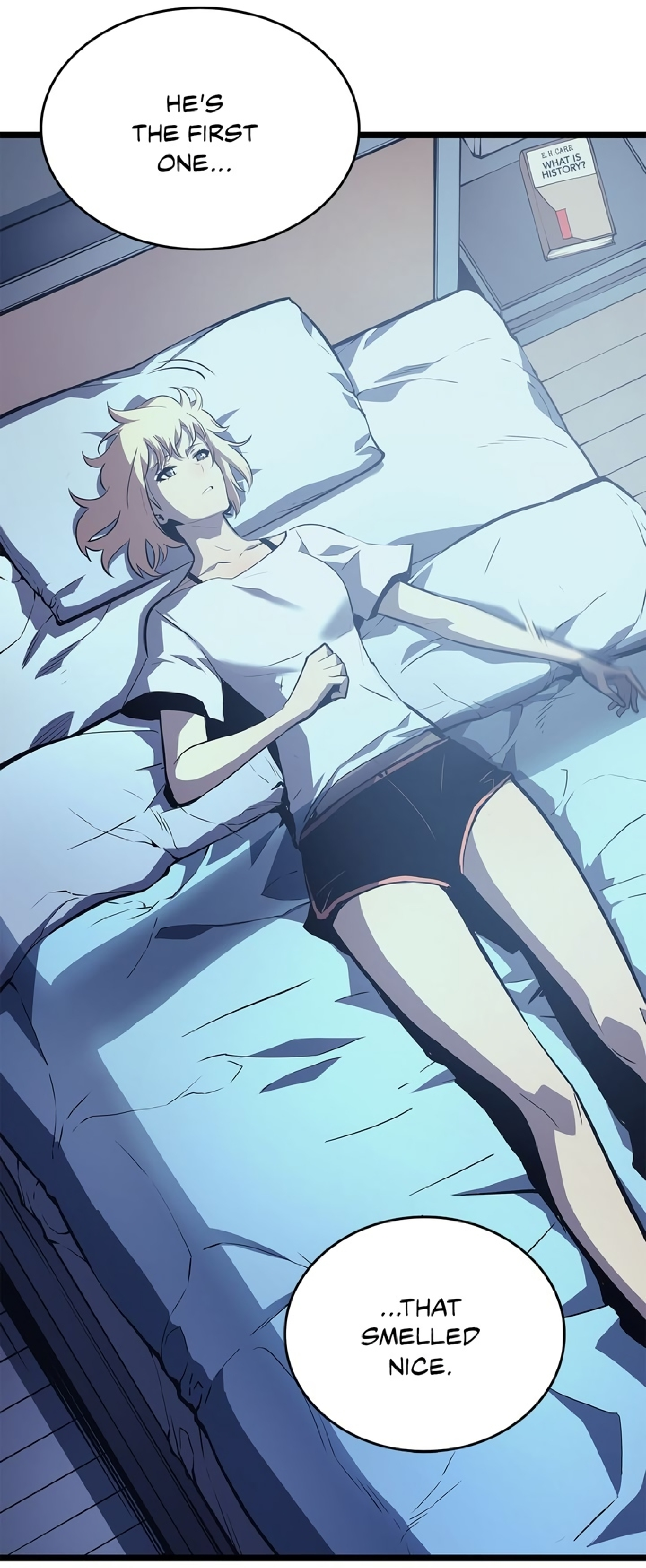
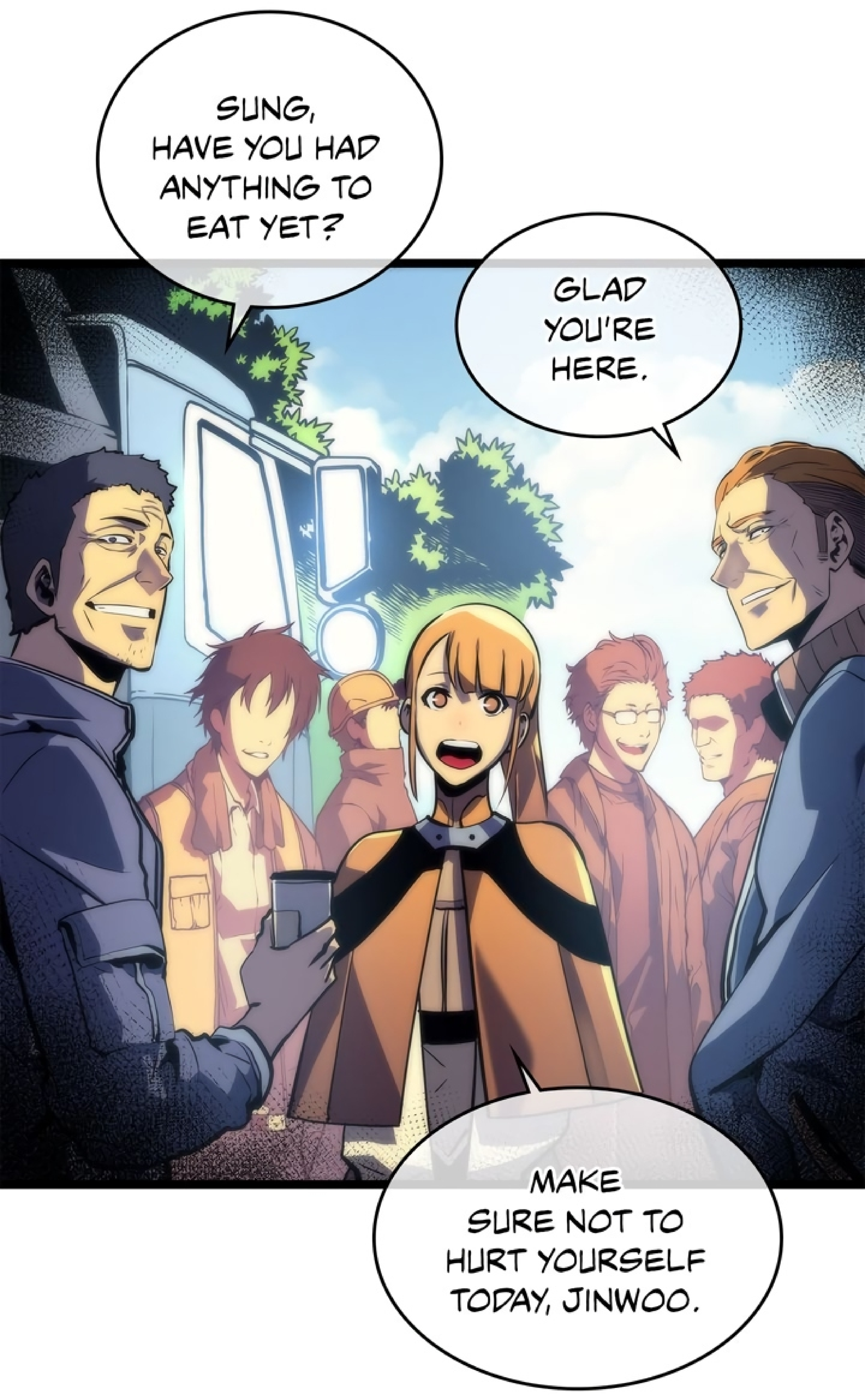
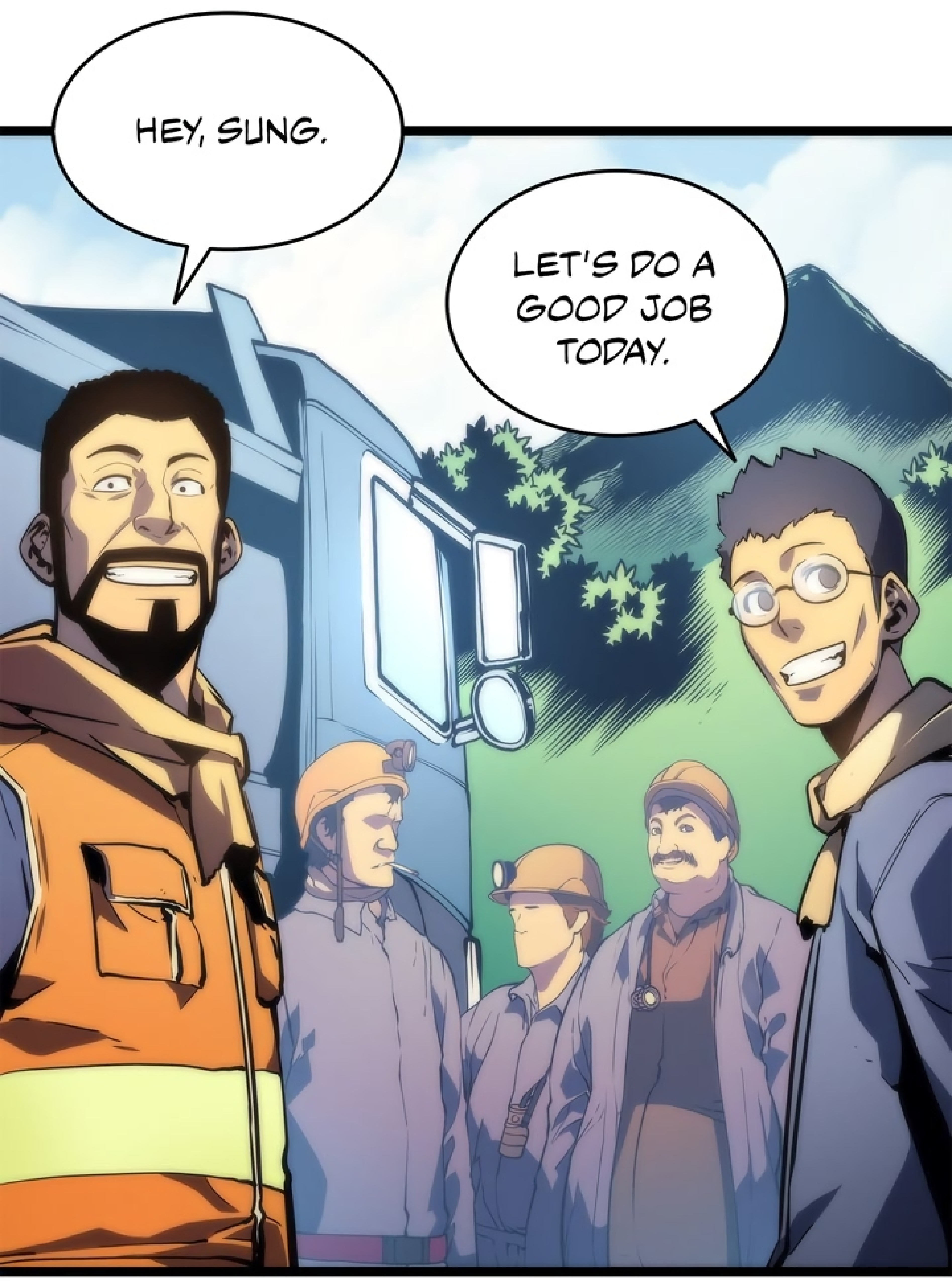
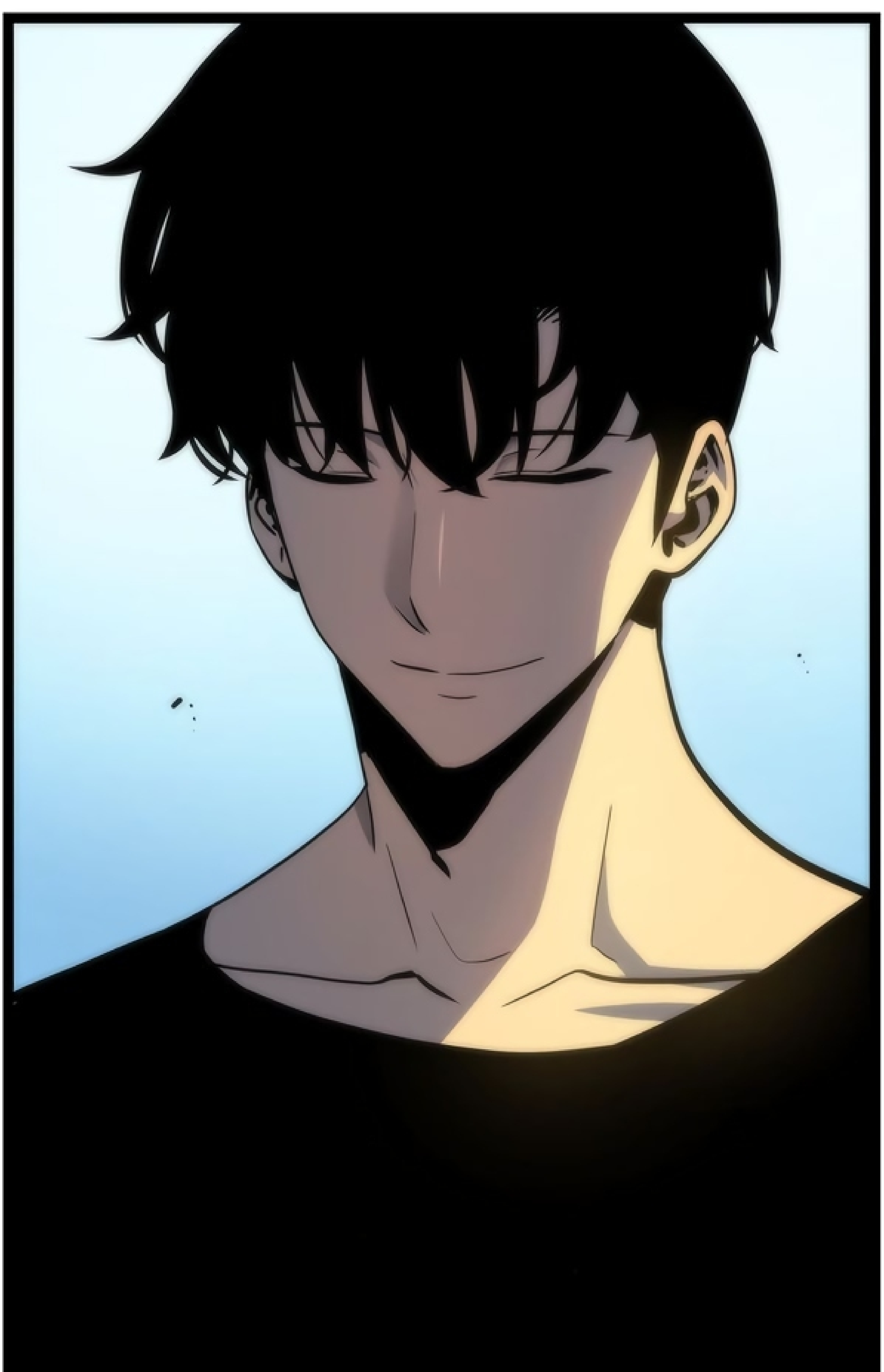
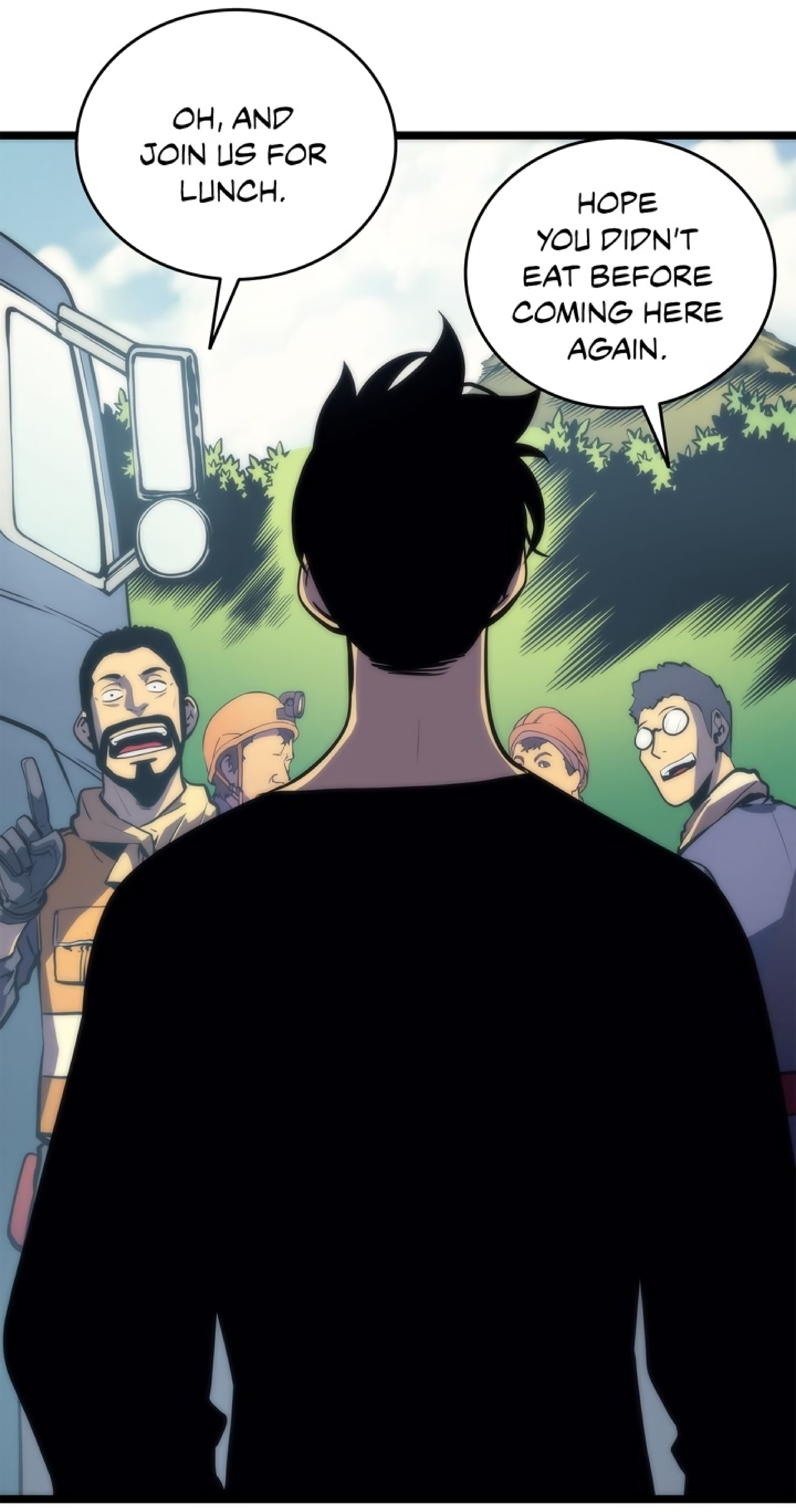
WHY WAS HE THE ONLY EXCEPTION?
OUT OF ALL THE HUNTERS I'VE COME ACROSS,

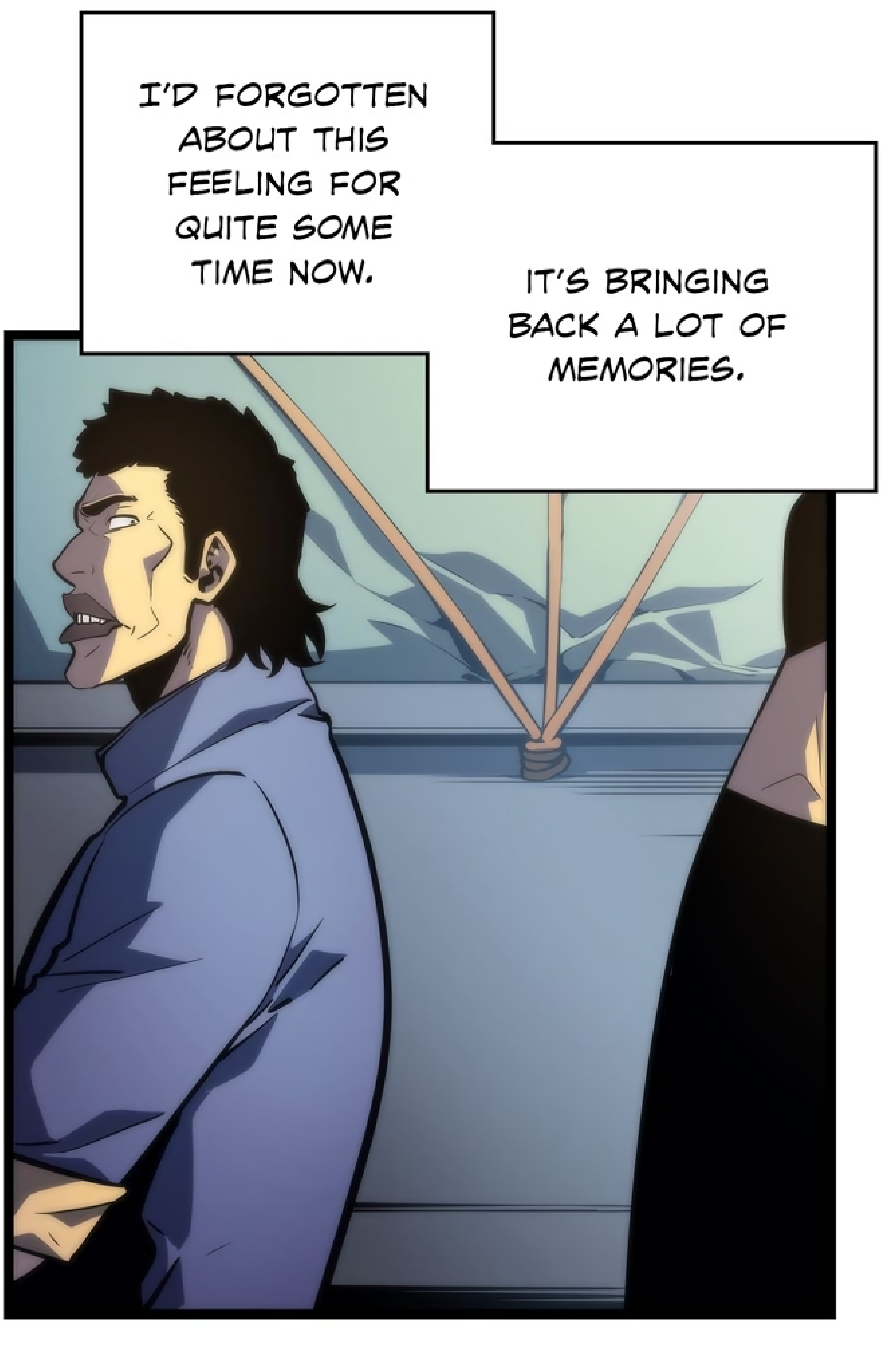

HE'S THE FIRST ONE...
E. H. CARR
WHAT IS HISTORY?
...THAT SMELLED NICE.


SUNG, HAVE YOU HAD ANYTHING TO EAT YET?
GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
MAKE SURE NOT TO HURT YOURSELF TODAY, JINWOO.

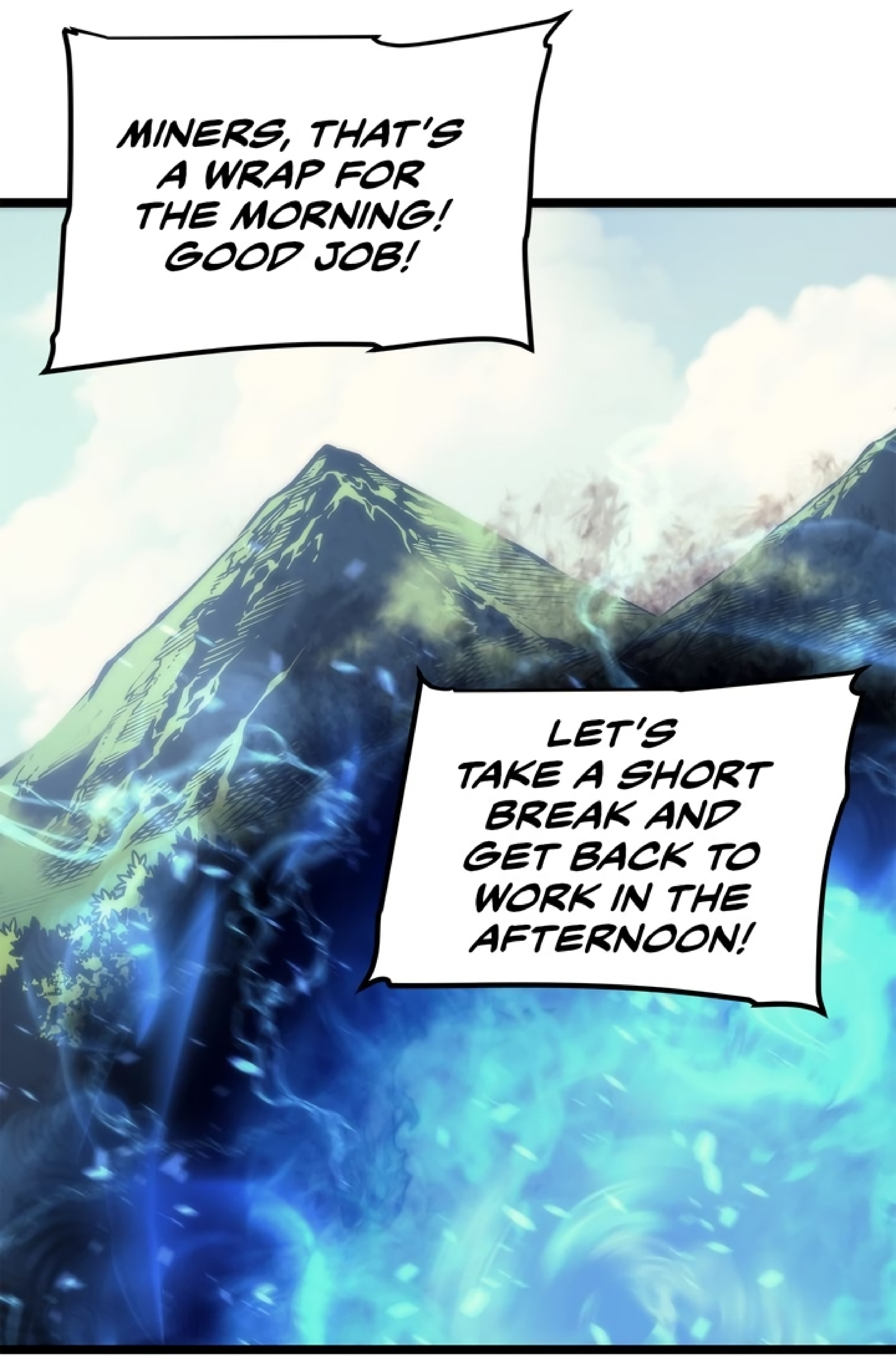

HEY, SUNG.
LET'S DO A GOOD JOB TODAY.

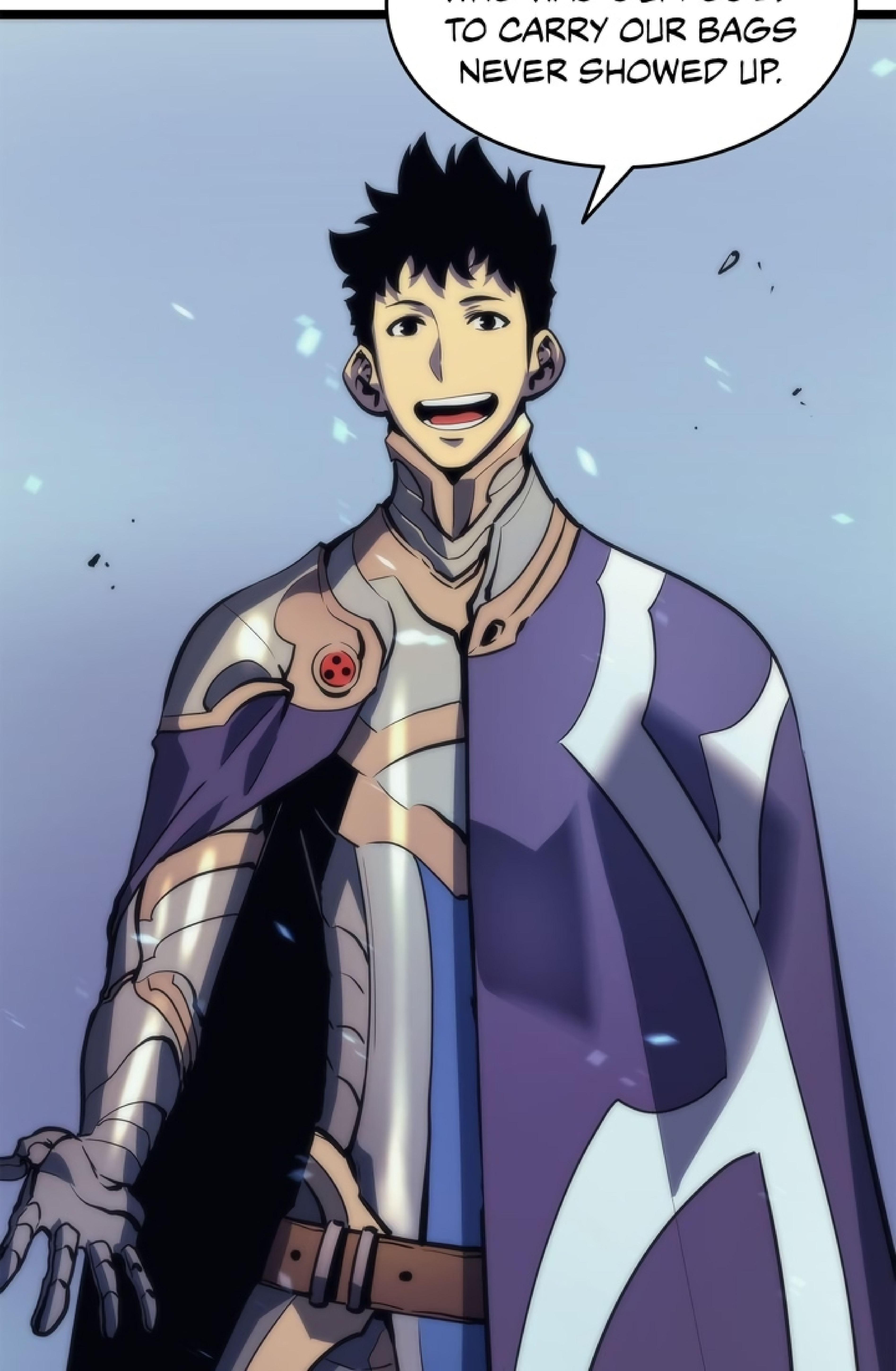


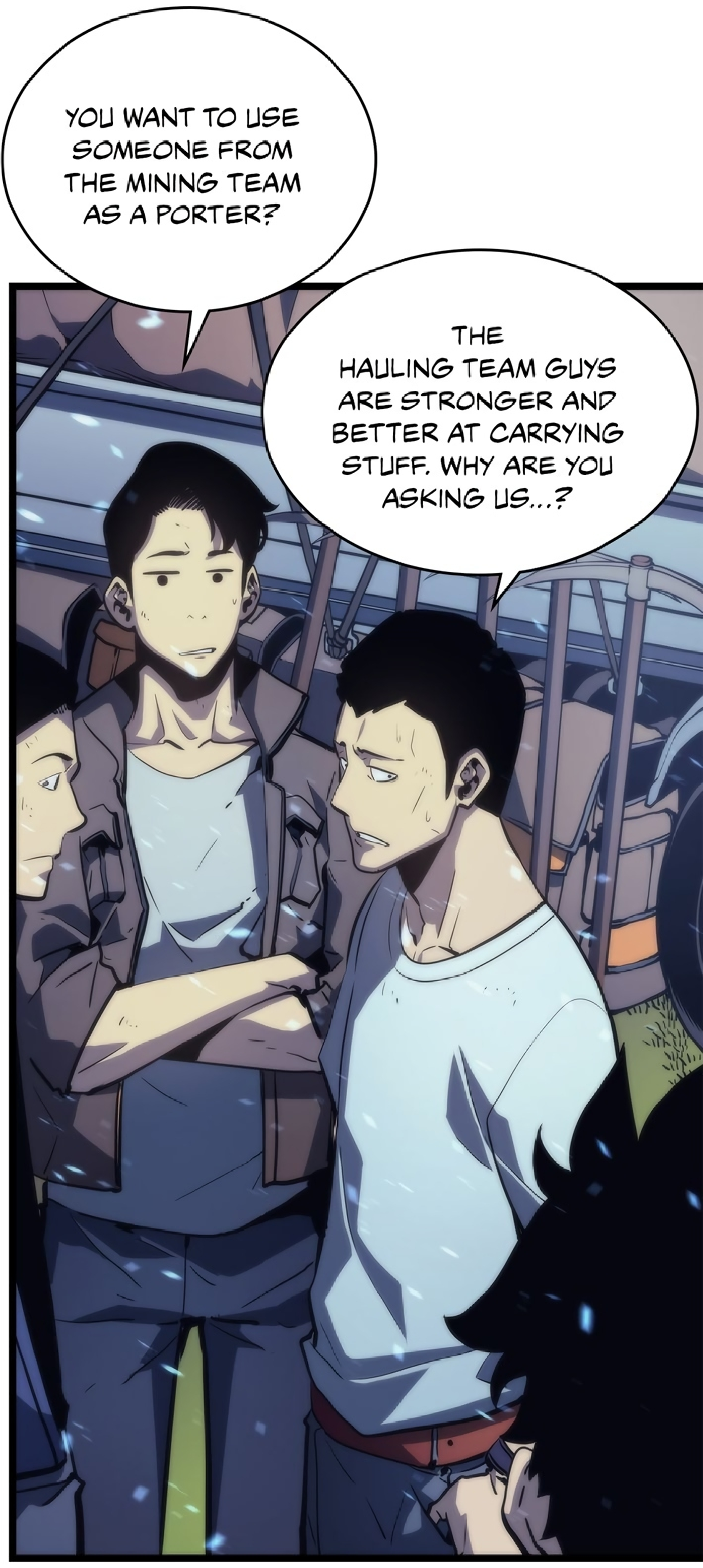

OH, AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH.
HOPE YOU DIDN'T EAT BEFORE COMING HERE AGAIN.

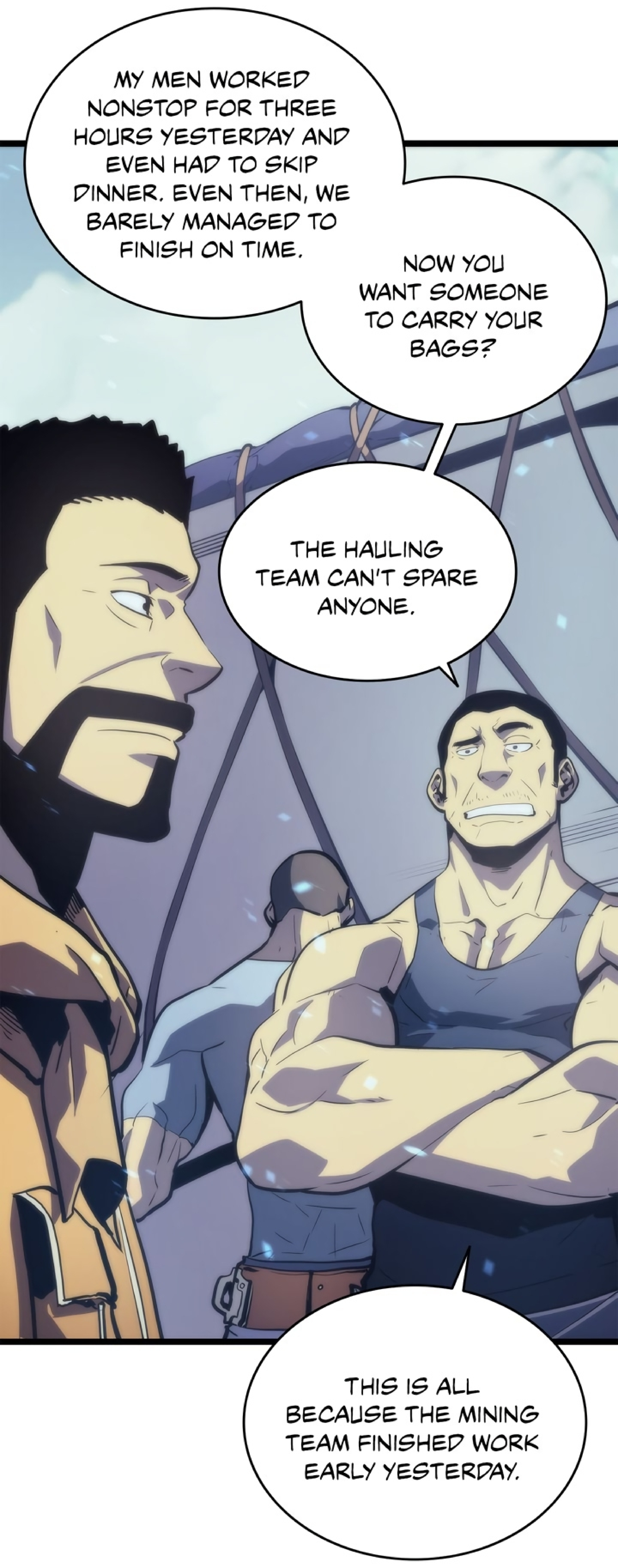

I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS FEELING FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.
IT'S BRINGING BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES.

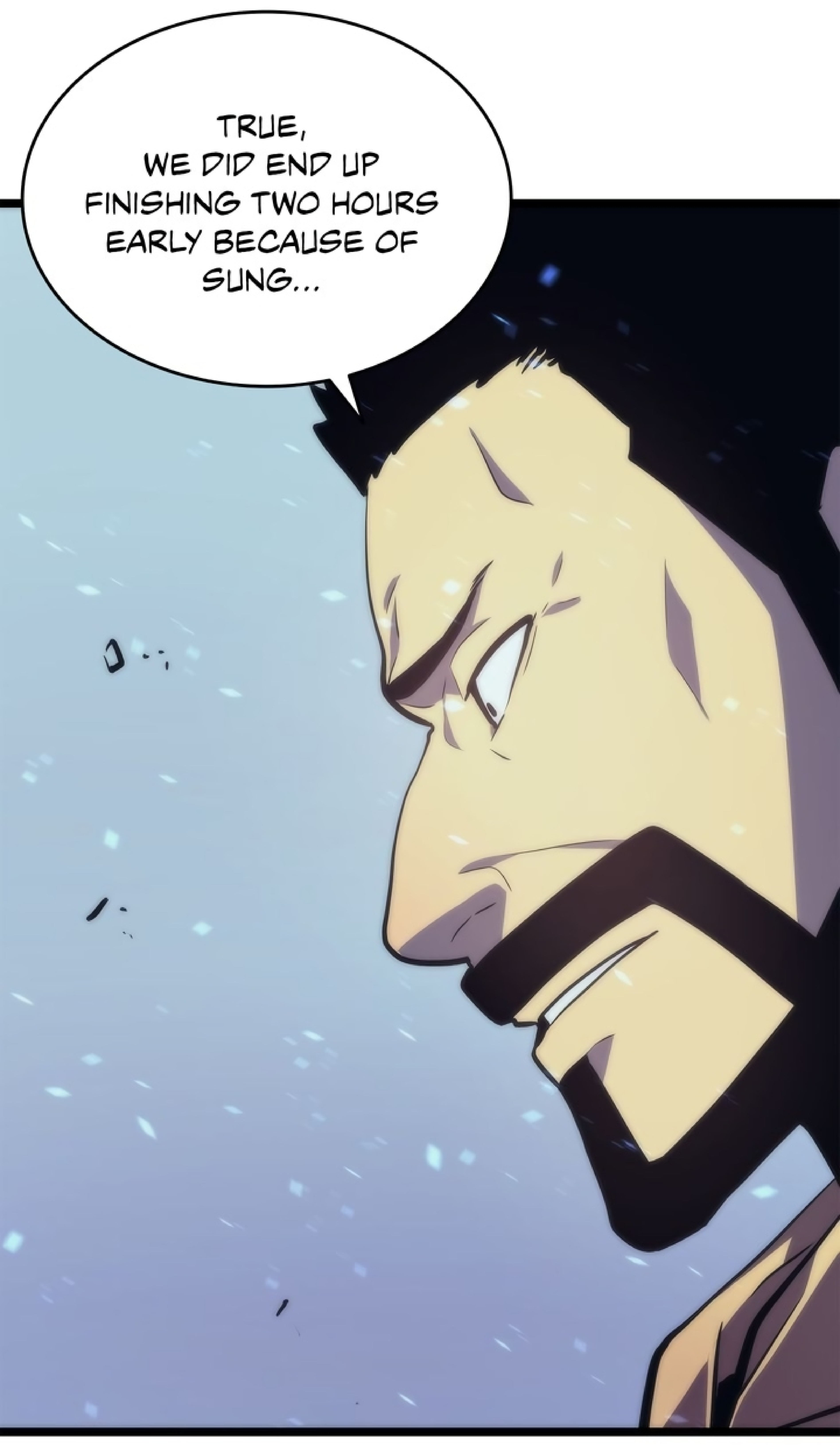
...I COULD GET USED TO THIS.

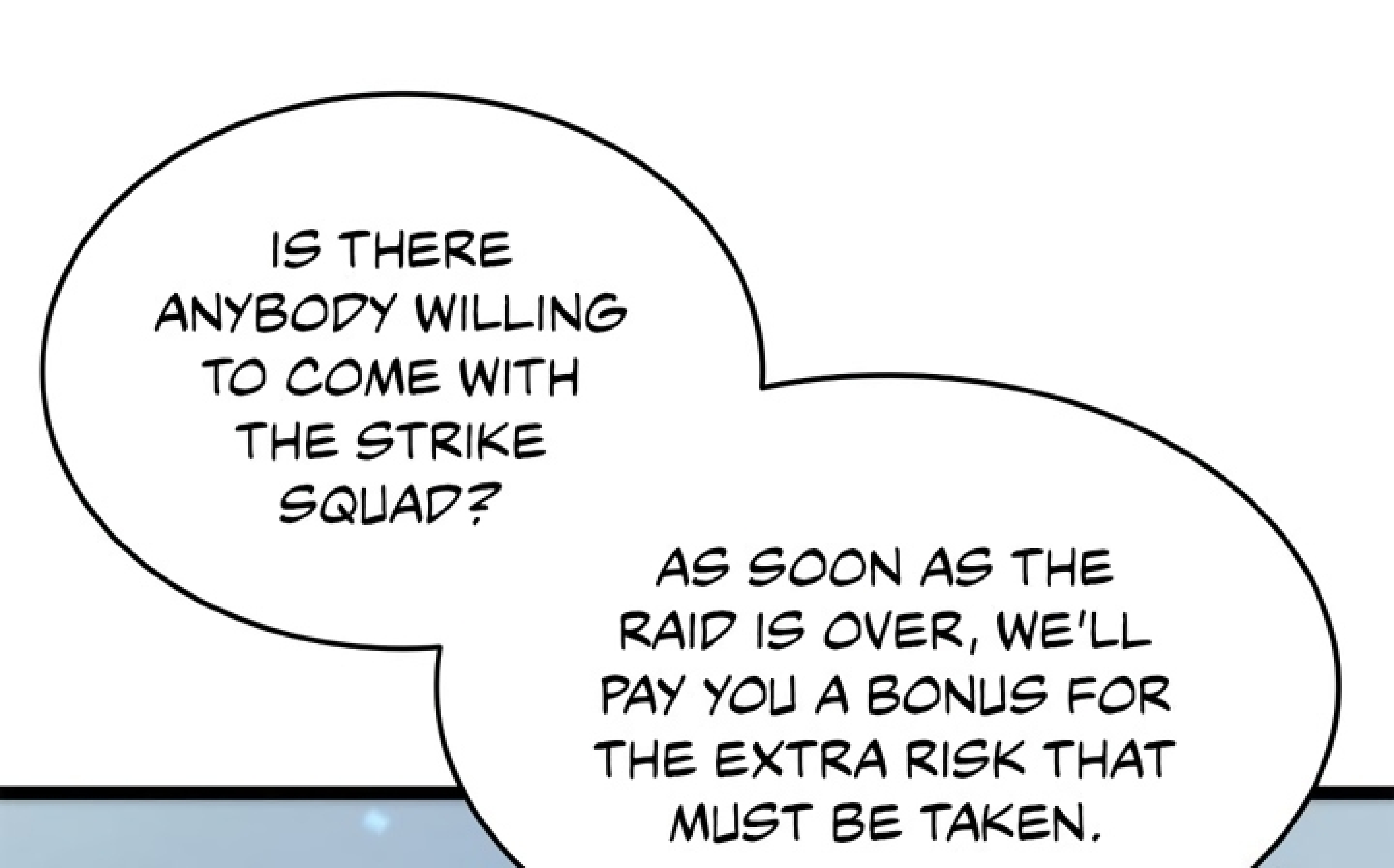

MINERS, THAT'S A WRAP FOR THE MORNING! GOOD JOB!
LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK AND GET BACK TO WORK IN THE AFTERNOON!

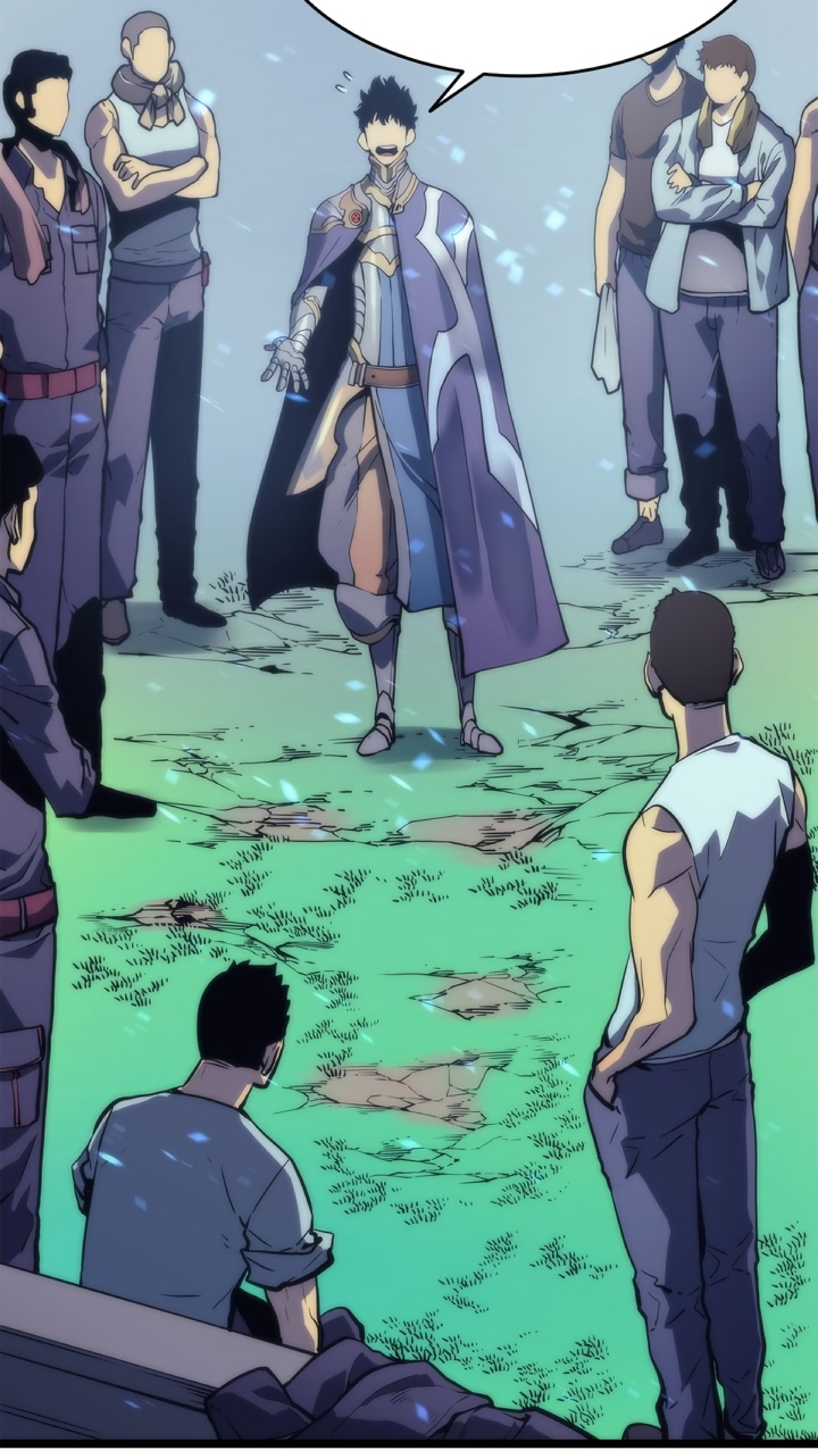

EXCUSE ME, IS THERE ANYONE ON THE MINING TEAM WHO COULD HELP US OUT?
THE PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY OUR BAGS NEVER SHOWED UP.

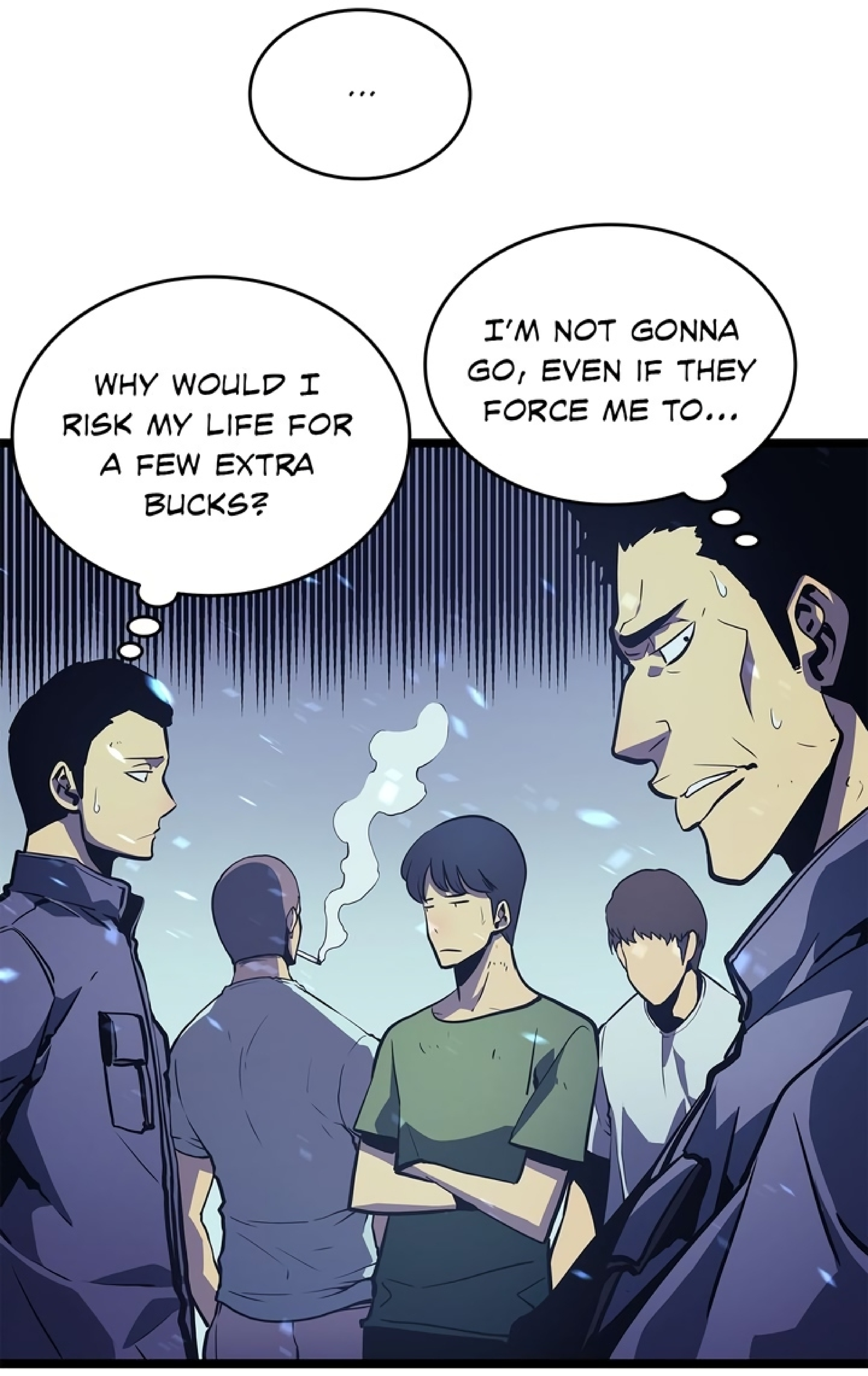

YOU WANT TO USE SOMEONE FROM THE MINING TEAM AS A PORTER?
THE HAULING TEAM GUYS ARE STRONGER AND BETTER AT CARRYING STUFF. WHY ARE YOU ASKING US...?


MY MEN WORKED NONSTOP FOR THREE HOURS YESTERDAY AND EVEN HAD TO SKIP DINNER. EVEN THEN, WE BARELY MANAGED TO FINISH ON TIME.
NOW YOU WANT SOMEONE TO CARRY YOUR BAGS?
THE HAULING TEAM CAN'T SPARE ANYONE.
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE THE MINING TEAM FINISHED WORK EARLY YESTERDAY.


TRUE, WE DID END UP FINISHING TWO HOURS EARLY BECAUSE OF SUNG...


IS THERE ANYBODY WILLING TO COME WITH THE STRIKE SQUAD?
AS SOON AS THE RAID IS OVER, WE'LL PAY YOU A BONUS FOR THE EXTRA RISK THAT MUST BE TAKEN.

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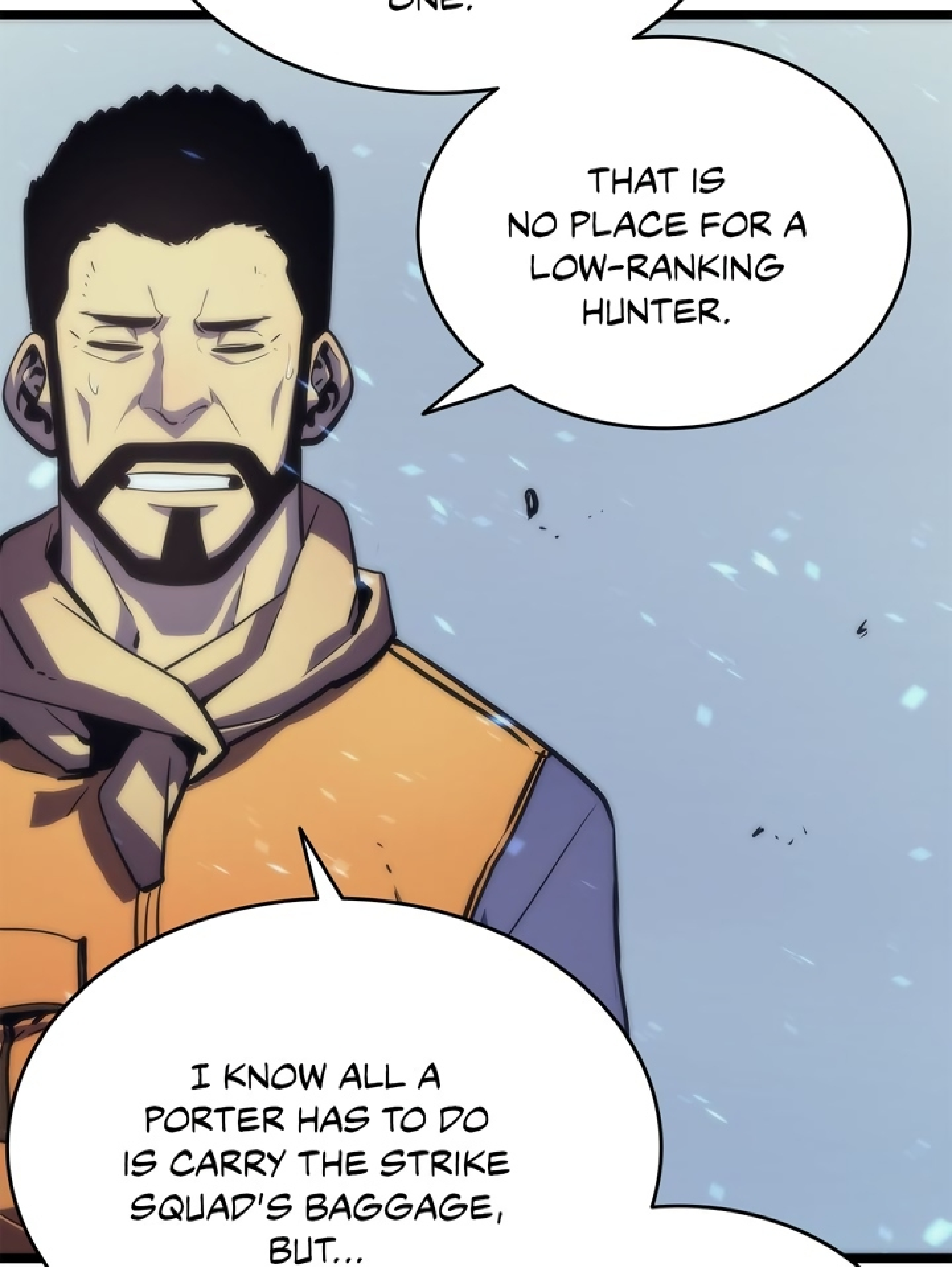
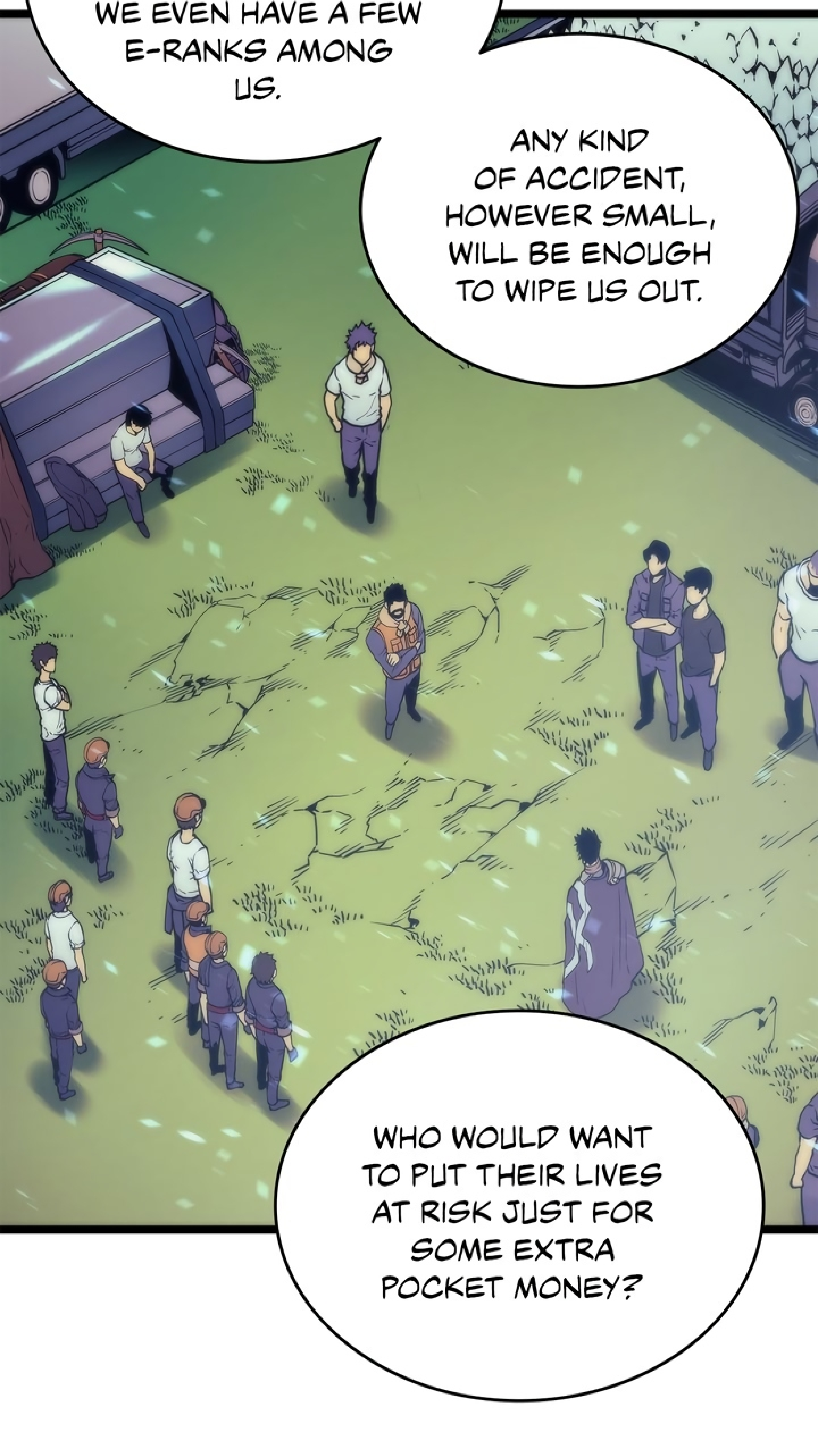
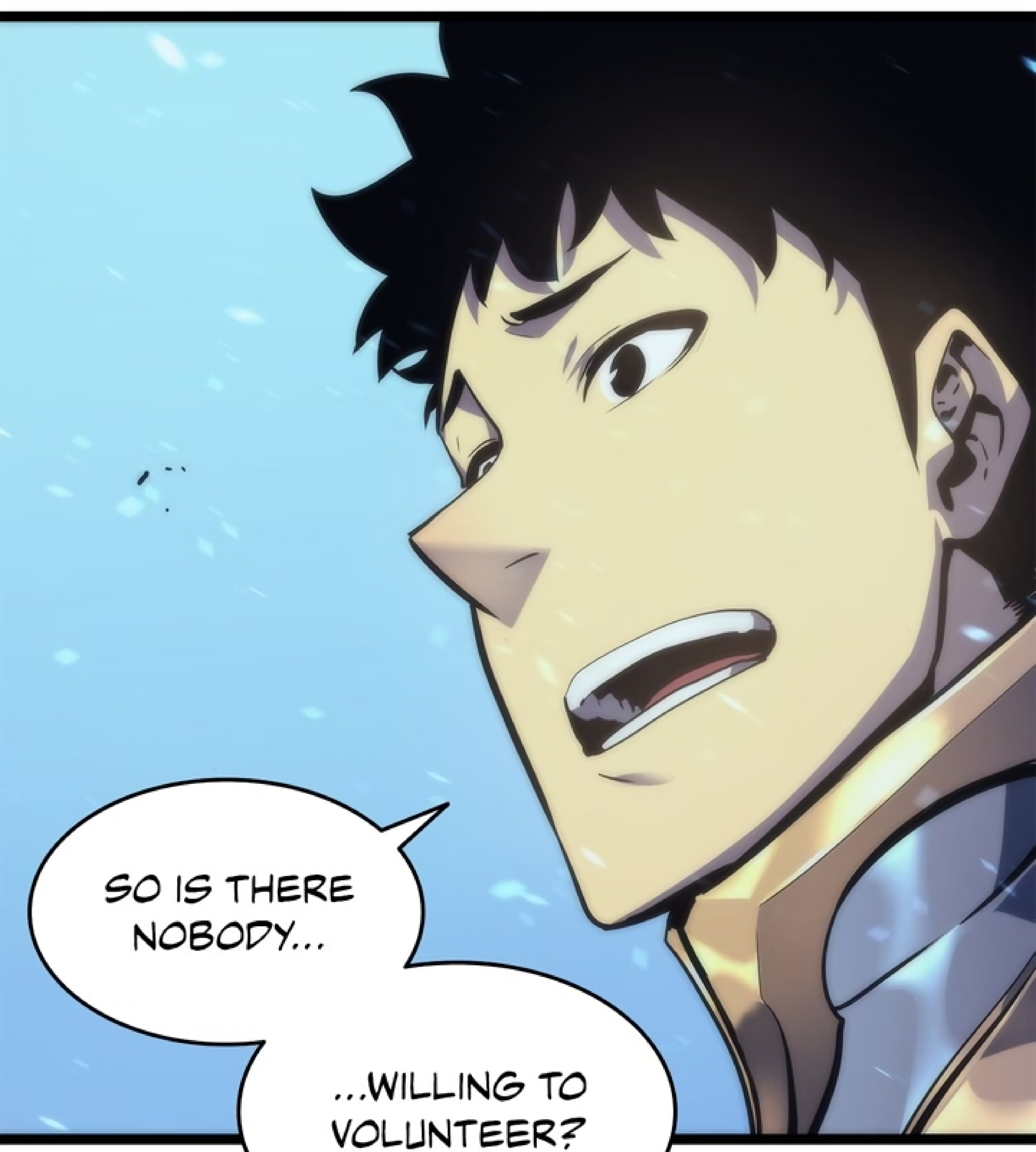
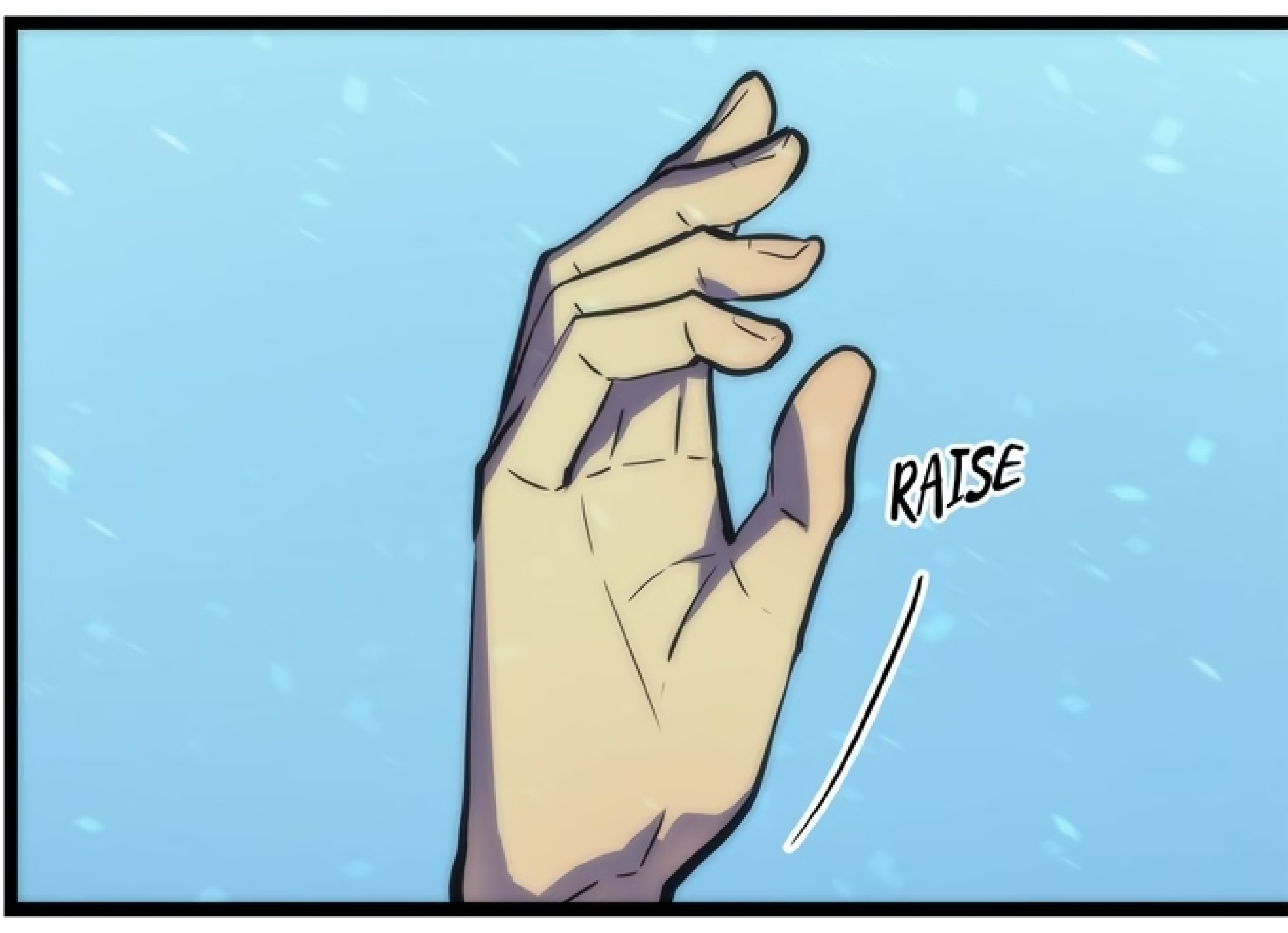
I'M NOT GONNA GO, EVEN IF THEY FORCE ME TO...
WHY WOULD I RISK MY LIFE FOR A FEW EXTRA BUCKS?


LOOK, MR. SON KIHOON.
WE'RE NOT EVEN COMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA OF ENTERING A B-RANK DUNGEON, AND YET YOU'RE ASKING US TO ENTER AN A-RANK ONE.
THAT IS NO PLACE FOR A LOW-RANKING HUNTER.
I KNOW ALL A PORTER HAS TO DO IS CARRY THE STRIKE SQUAD'S BAGGAGE, BUT...
...COMPARED TO THE WORK WE DO AS MINERS, IT'S A HUGE RISK.


THE MAJORITY OF THE HUNTERS ON THE MINING TEAM ARE D-RANKS, AND WE EVEN HAVE A FEW E-RANKS AMONG US.
ANY KIND OF ACCIDENT, HOWEVER SMALL, WILL BE ENOUGH TO WIPE US OUT.
WHO WOULD WANT TO PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK JUST FOR SOME EXTRA POCKET MONEY?


SO IS THERE NOBODY...
...WILLING TO VOLUNTEER?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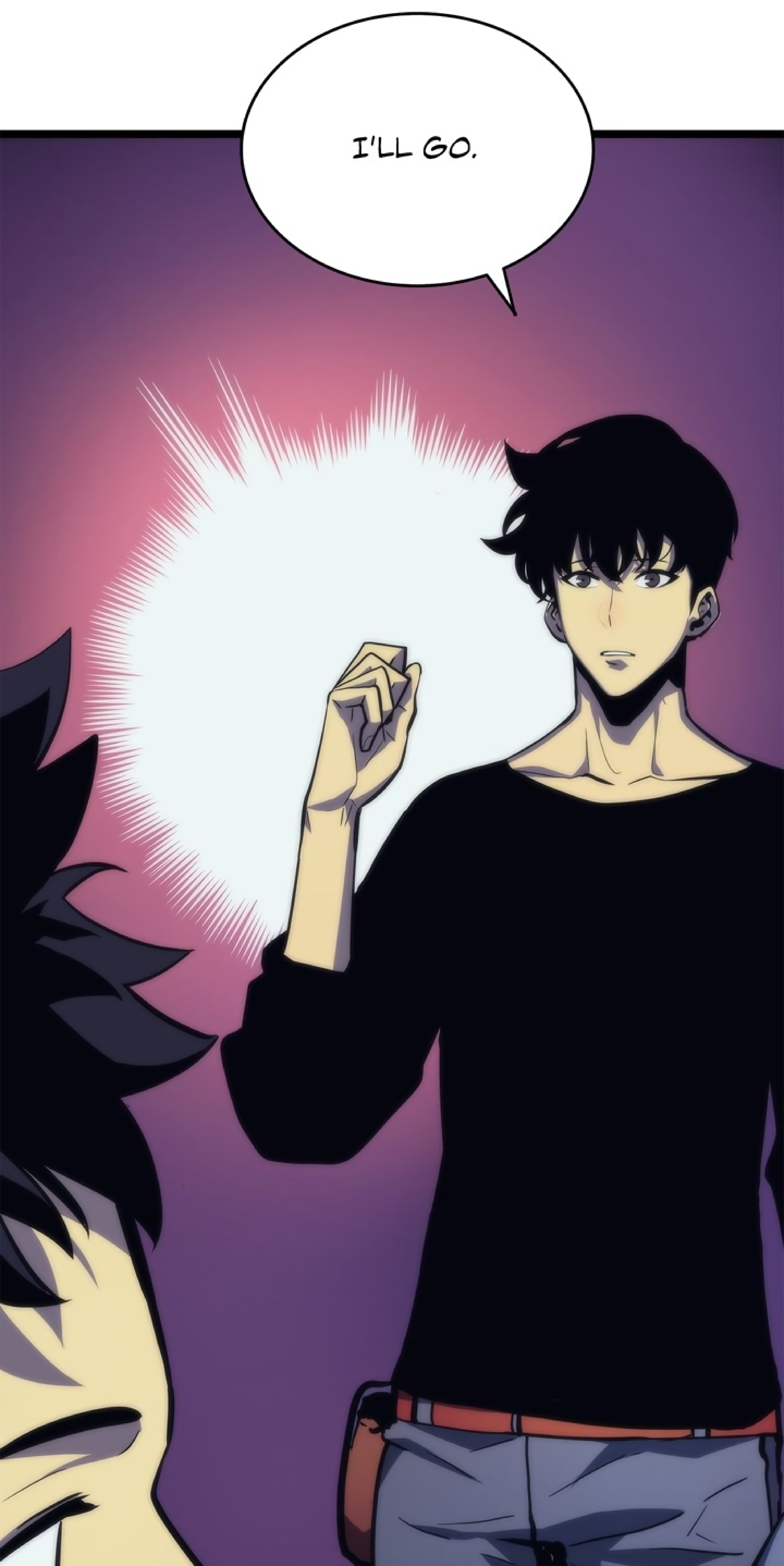
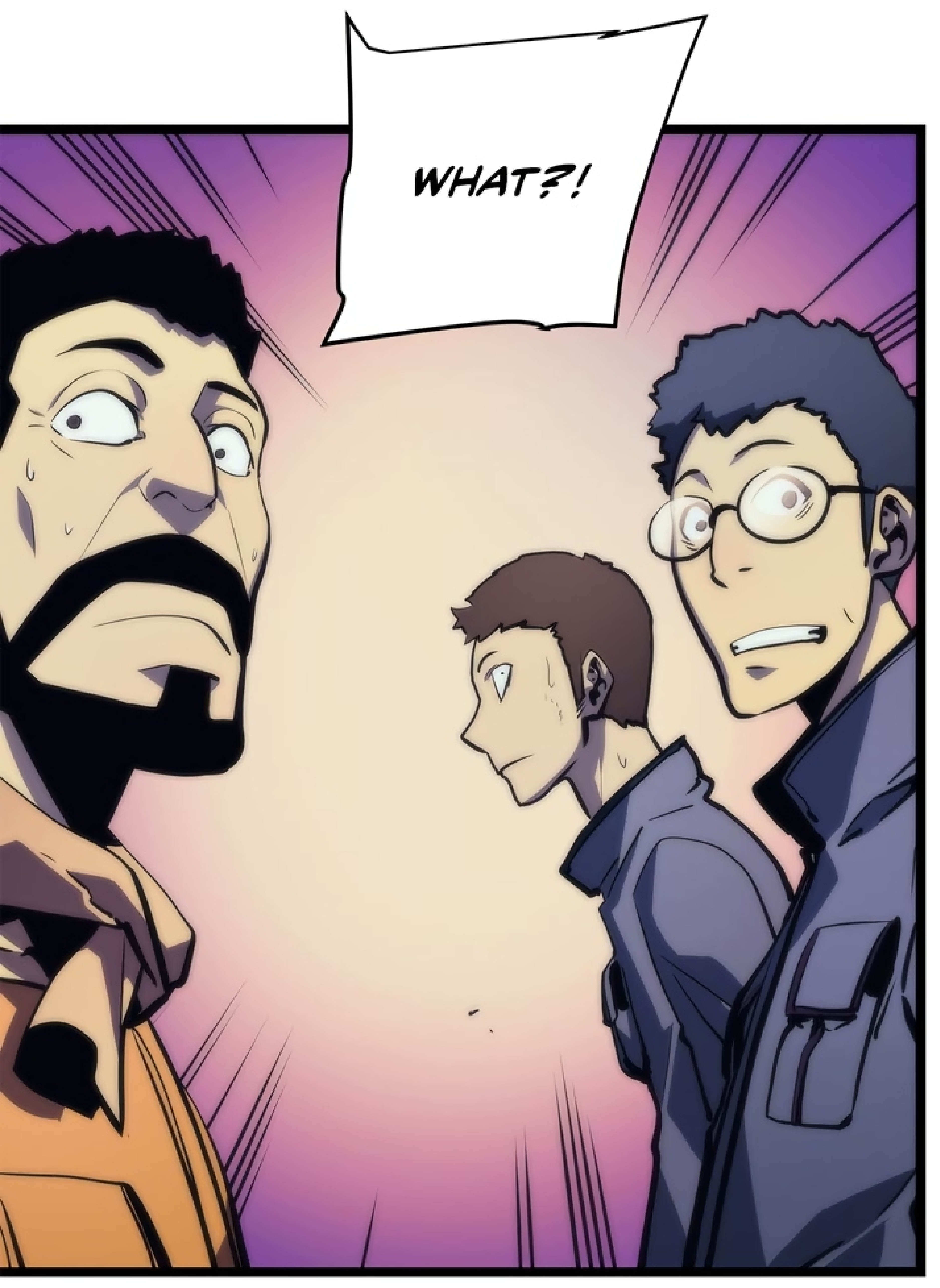

I'LL GO.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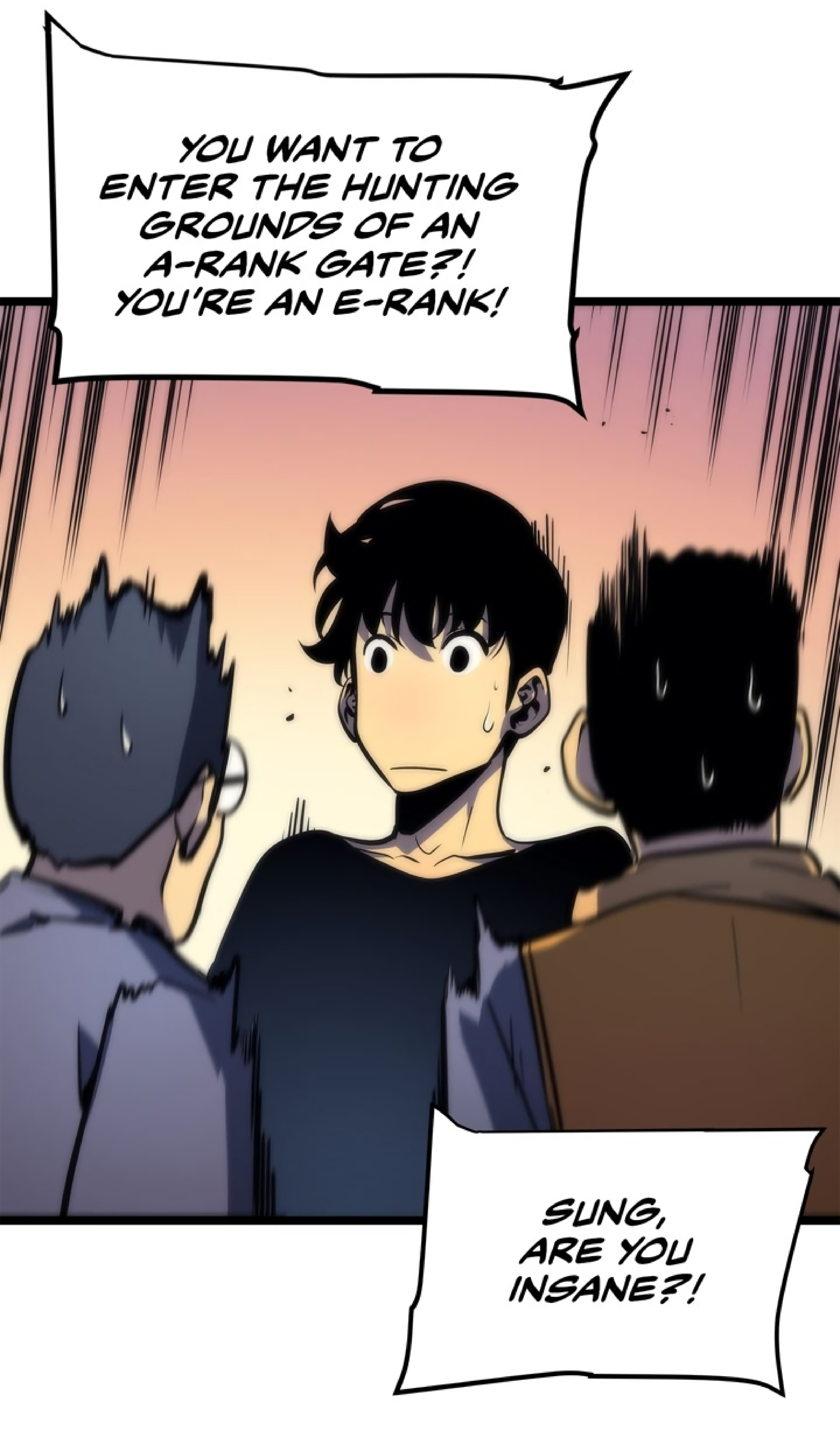
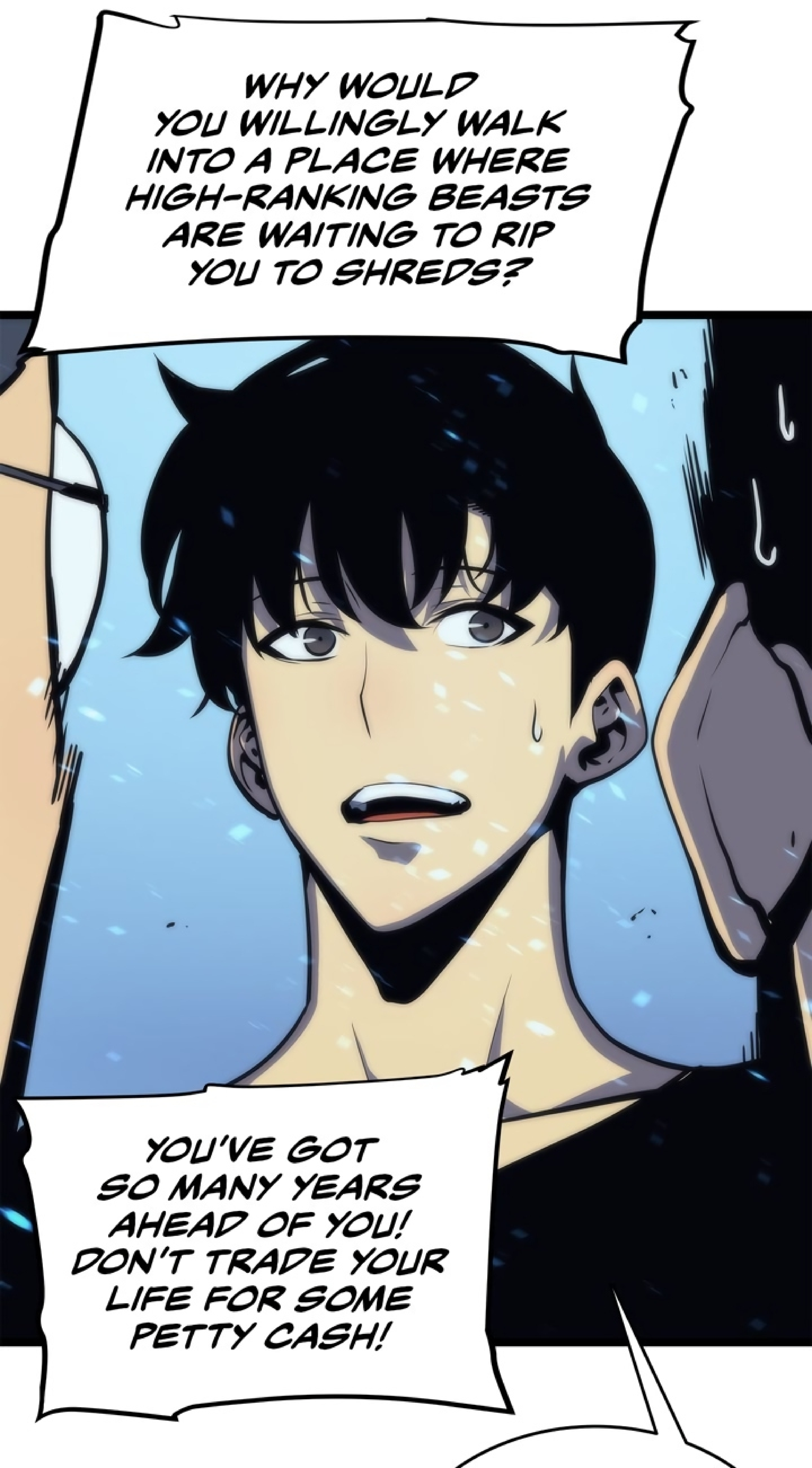
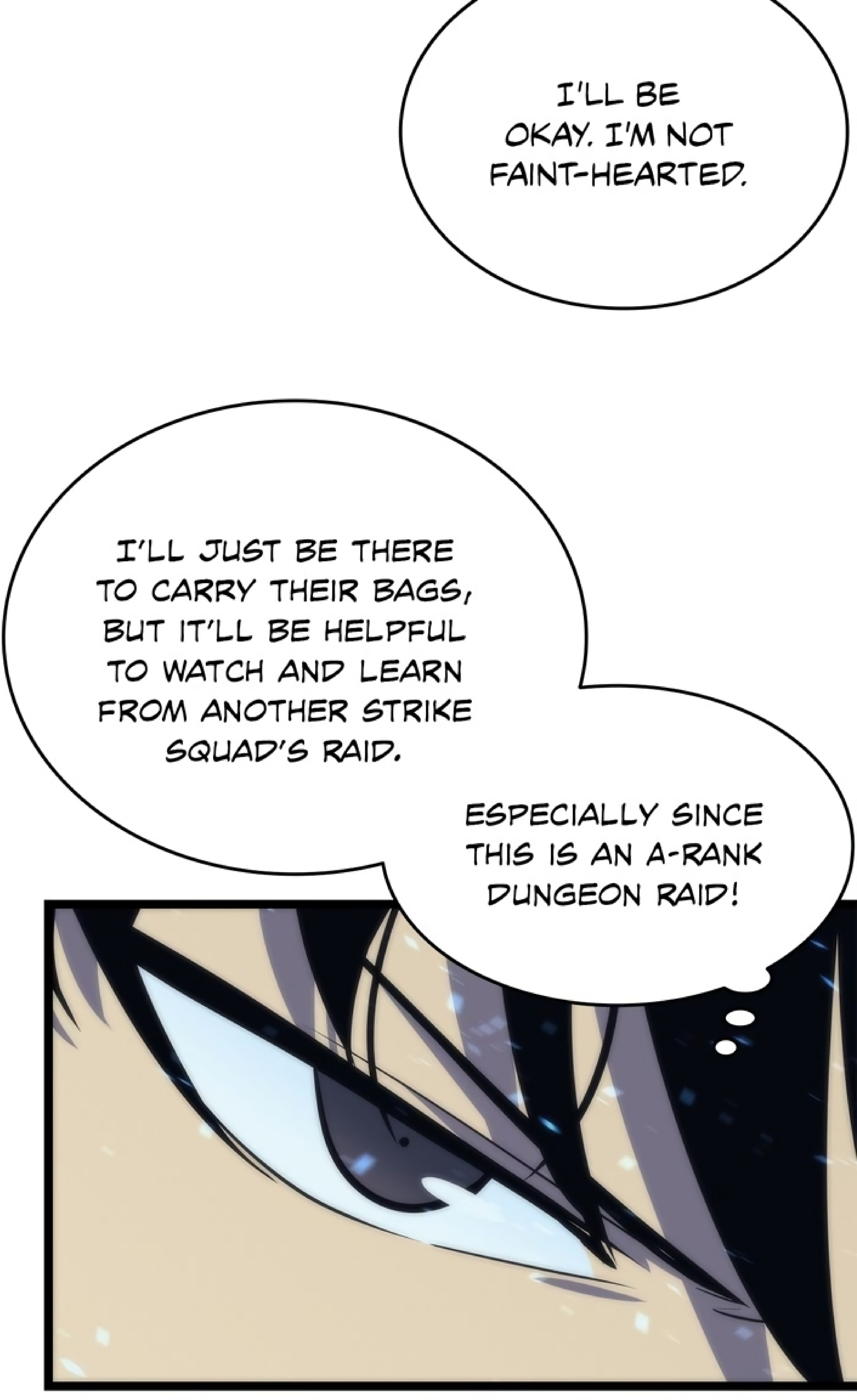
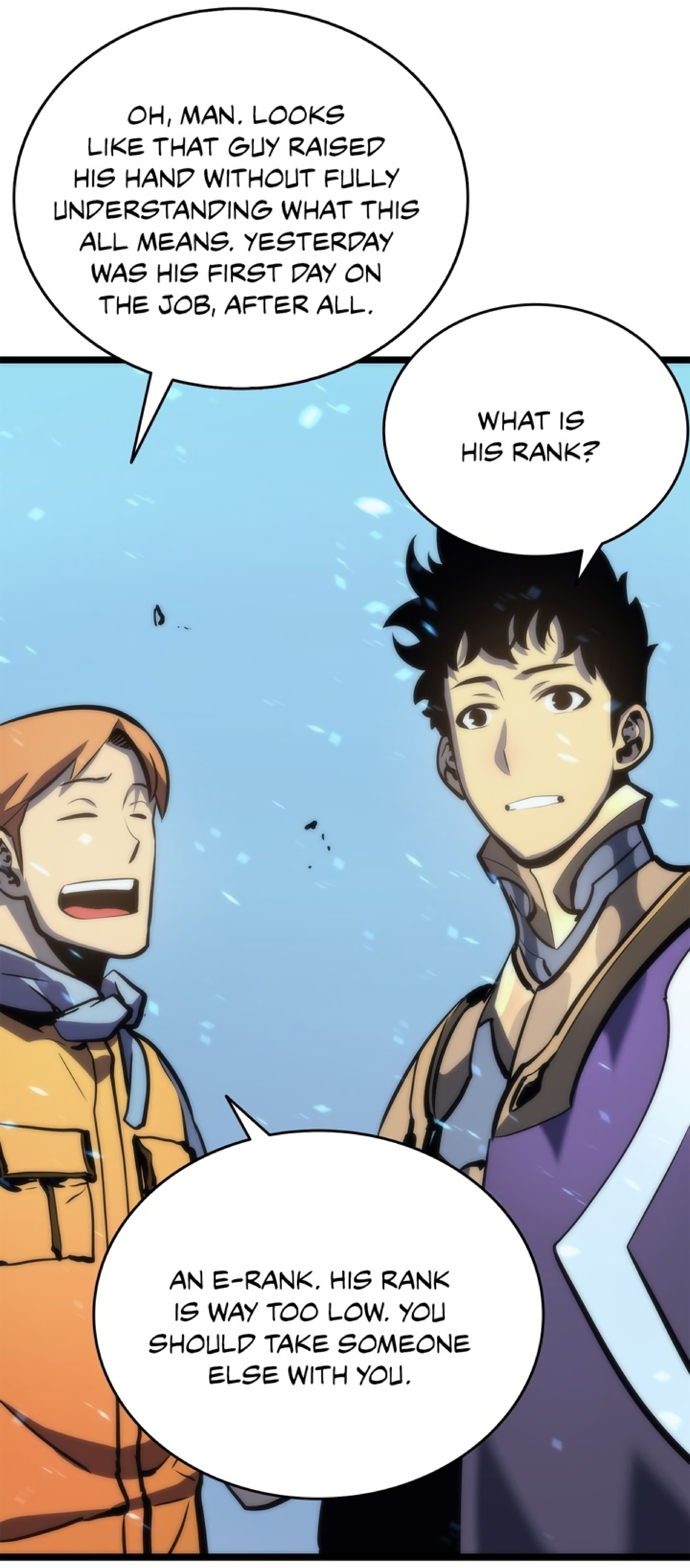
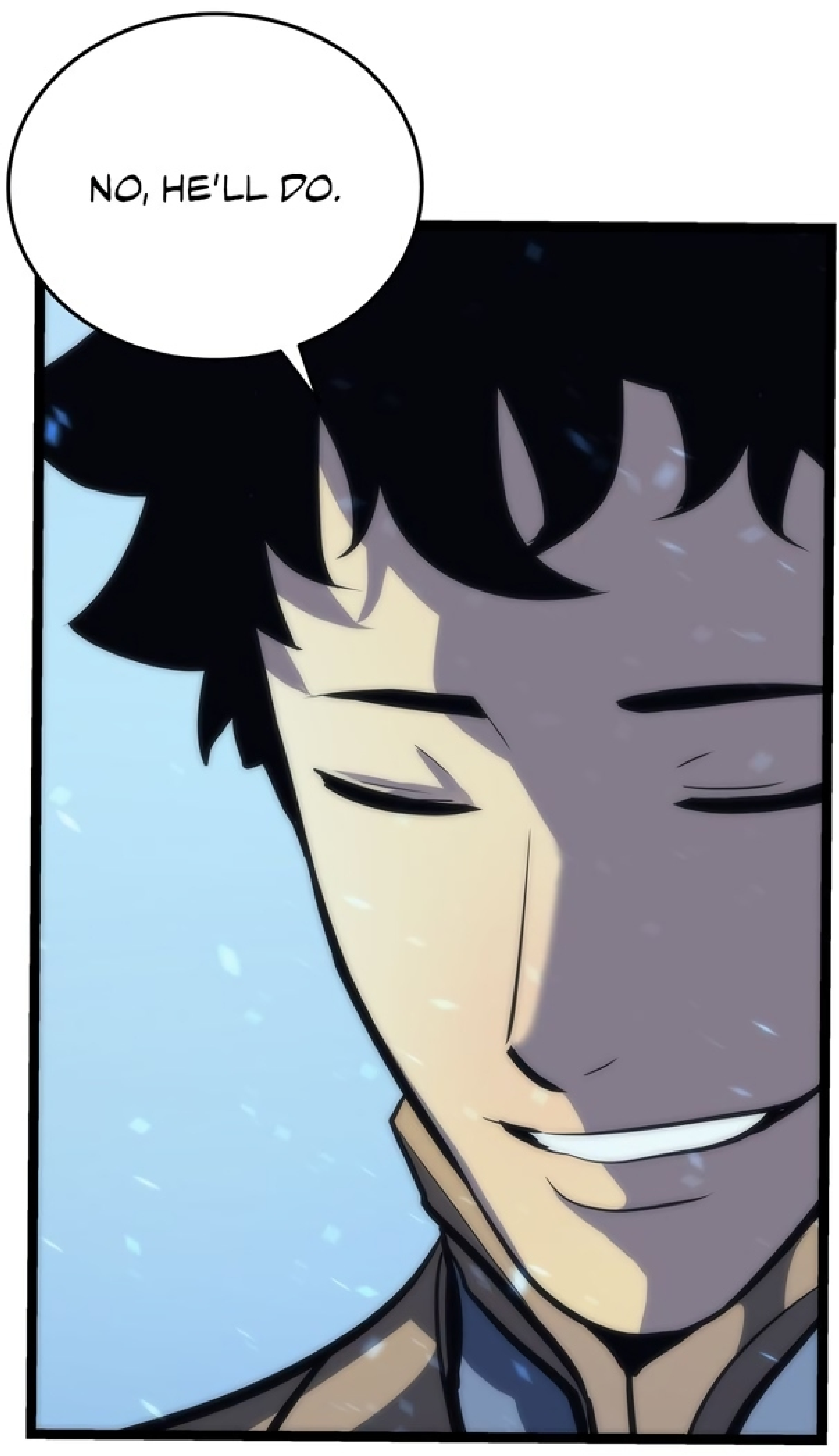
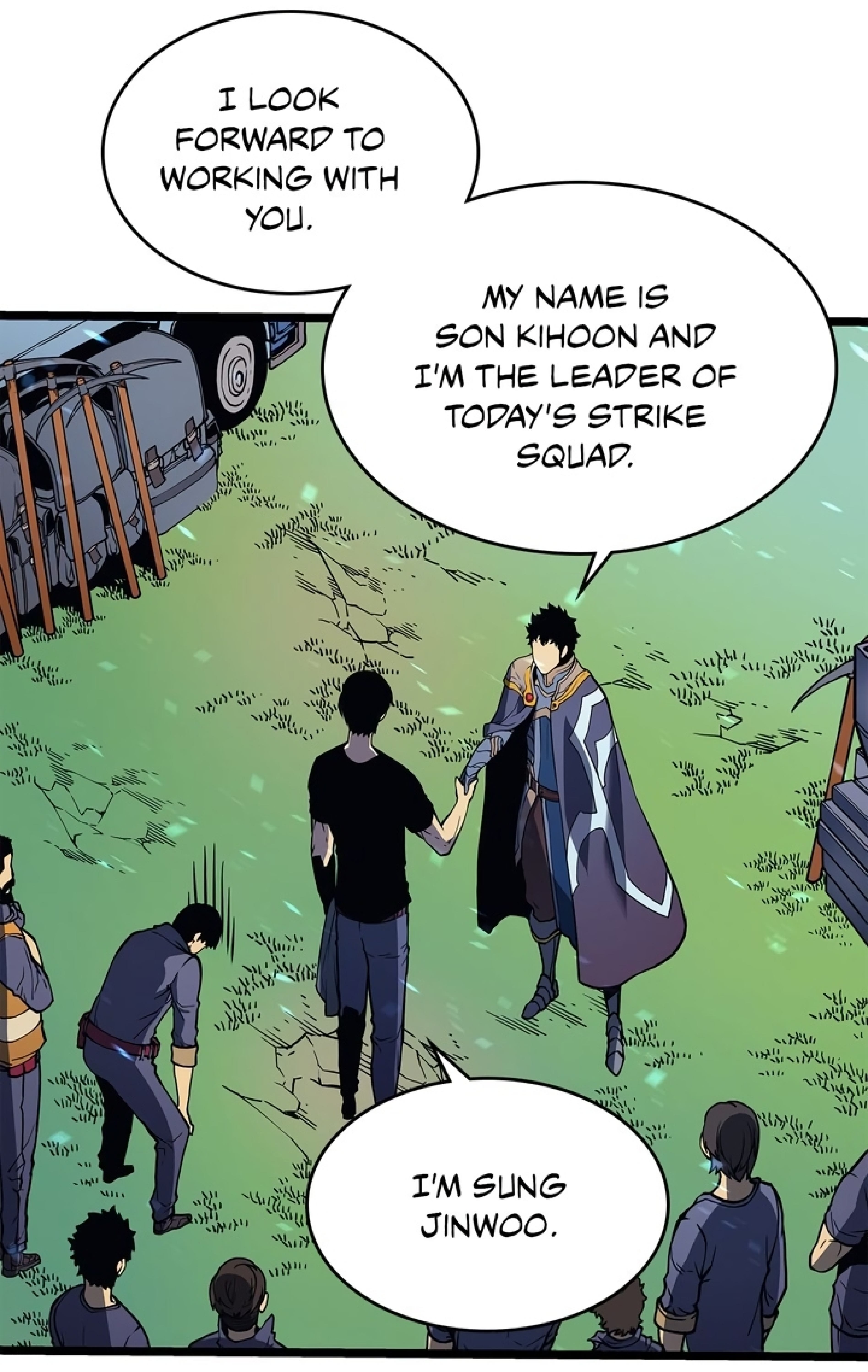

YOU WANT TO ENTER THE HUNTING GROUNDS OF AN A-RANK GATE?! YOU'RE AN E-RANK!
SUNG, ARE YOU INSANE?!

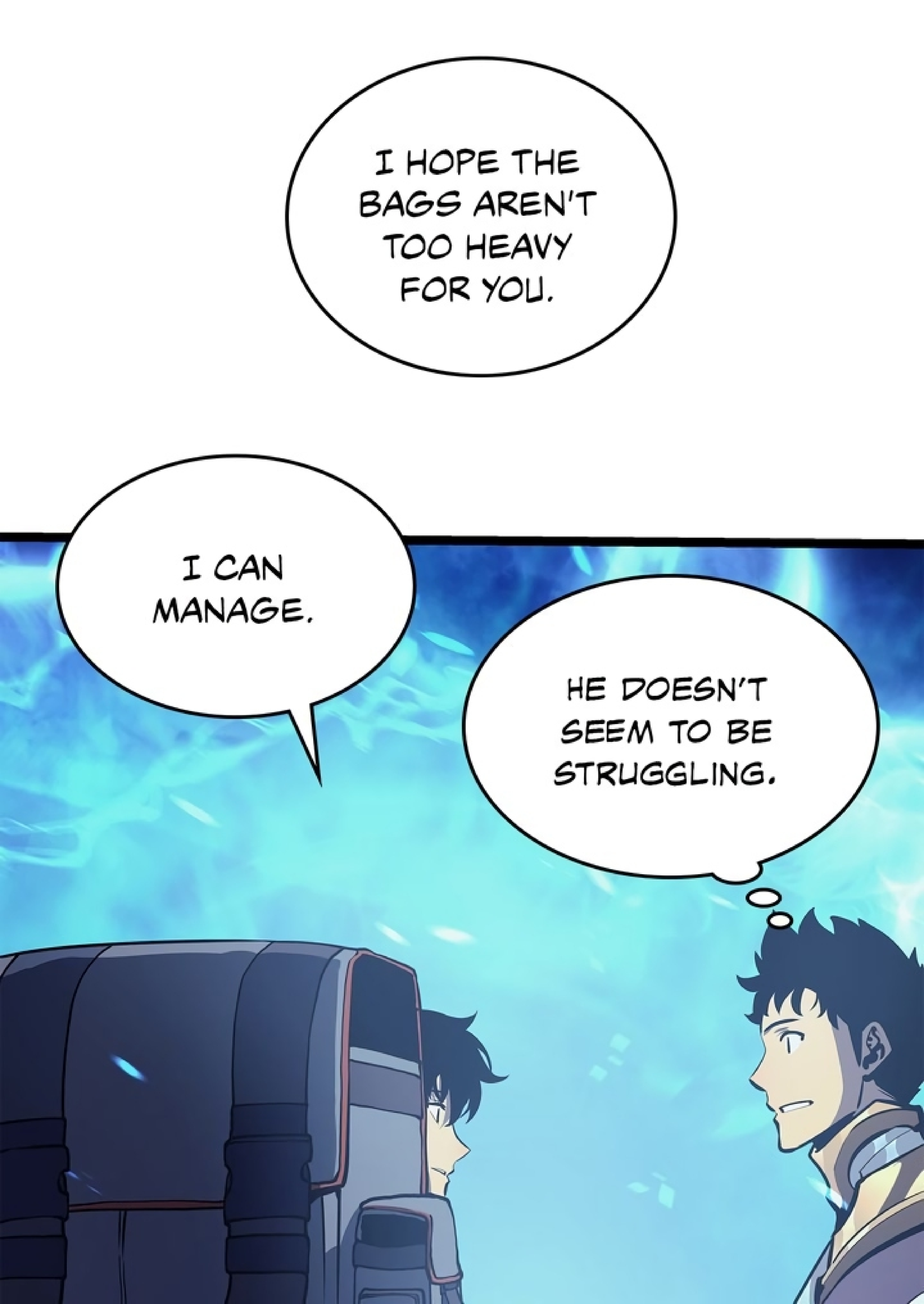

WHY WOULD YOU WILLINGLY WALK INTO A PLACE WHERE HIGH-RANKING BEASTS ARE WAITING TO RIP YOU TO SHREDS?
YOU'VE GOT SO MANY YEARS AHEAD OF YOU! DON'T TRADE YOUR LIFE FOR SOME PETTY CASH!

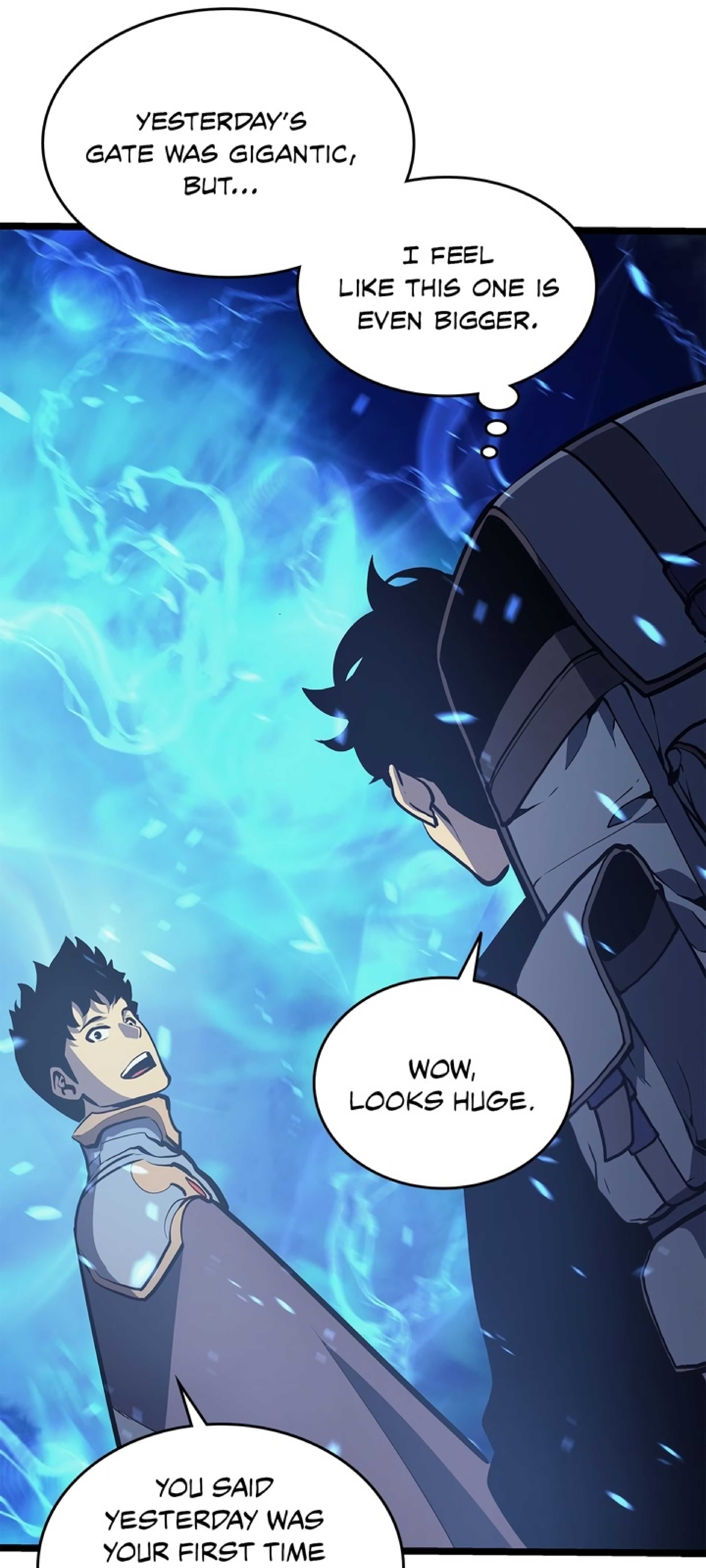

I'LL BE OKAY. I'M NOT FAINT-HEARTED.
I'LL JUST BE THERE TO CARRY THEIR BAGS, BUT IT'LL BE HELPFUL TO WATCH AND LEARN FROM ANOTHER STRIKE SQUAD'S RAID.
ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS IS AN A-RANK DUNGEON RAID!

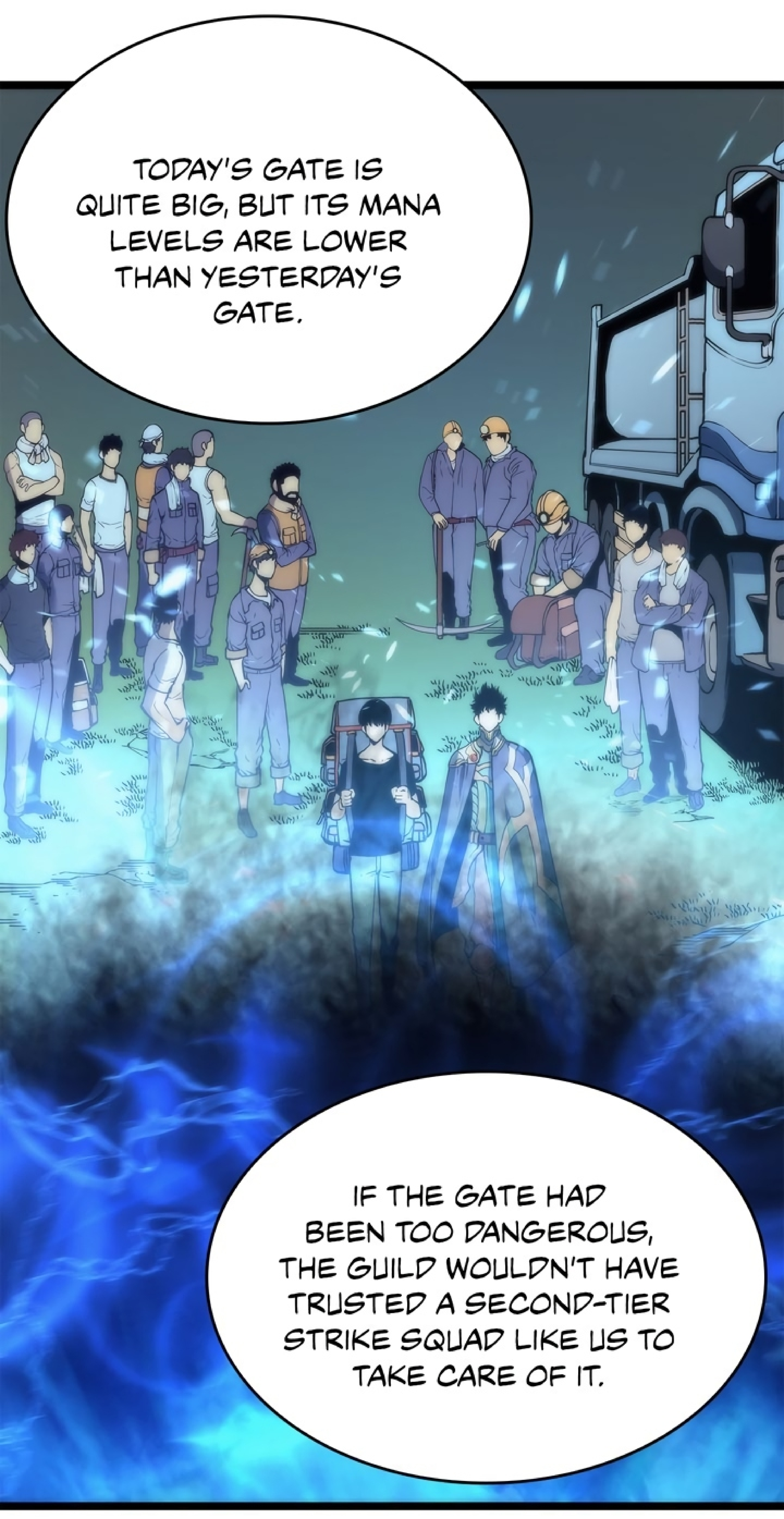

OH, MAN. LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY RAISED HIS HAND WITHOUT FULLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT THIS ALL MEANS. YESTERDAY WAS HIS FIRST DAY ON THE JOB, AFTER ALL.
WHAT IS HIS RANK?
AN E-RANK. HIS RANK IS WAY TOO LOW. YOU SHOULD TAKE SOMEONE ELSE WITH YOU.

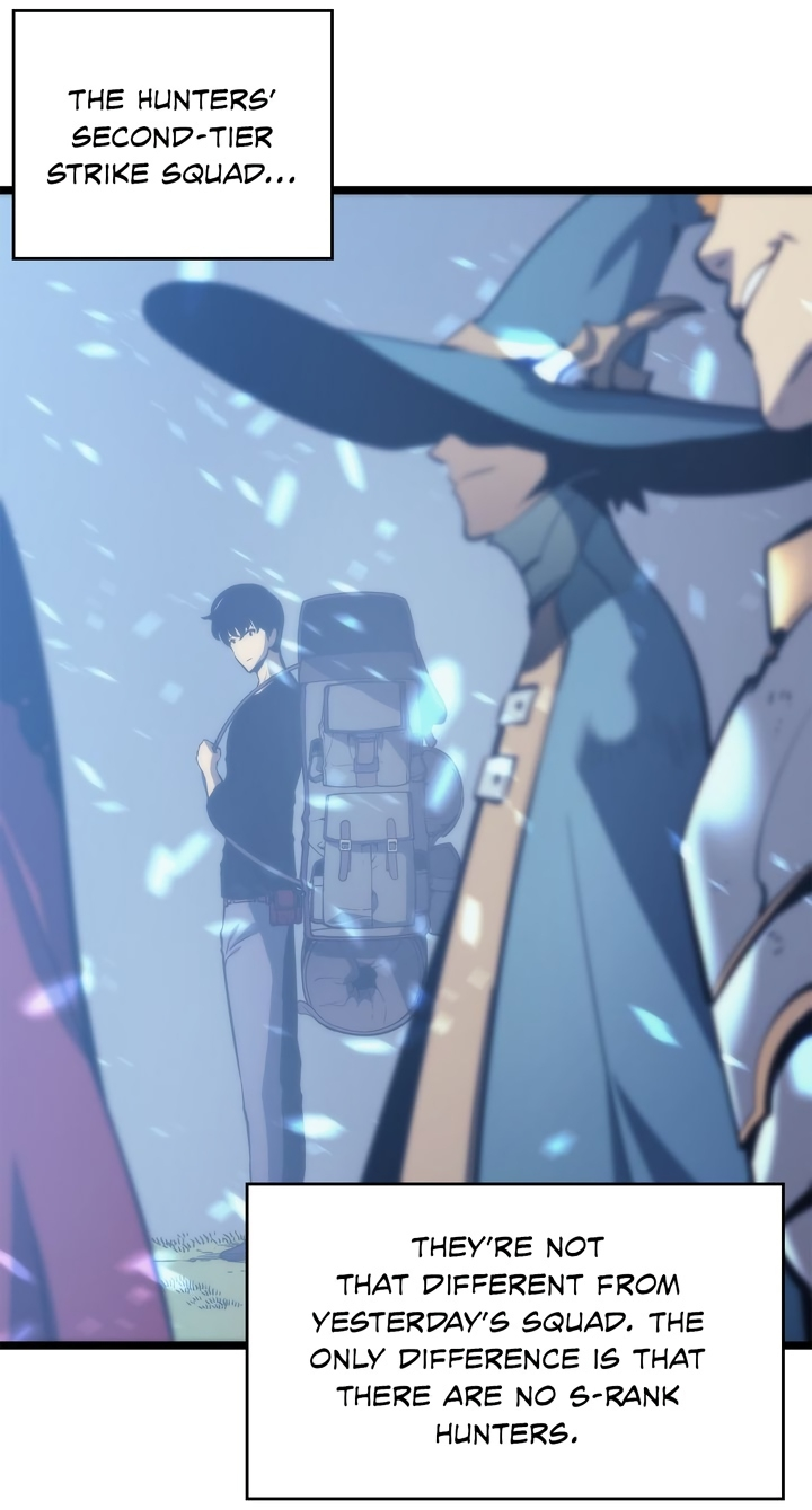

NO, HE'LL DO.

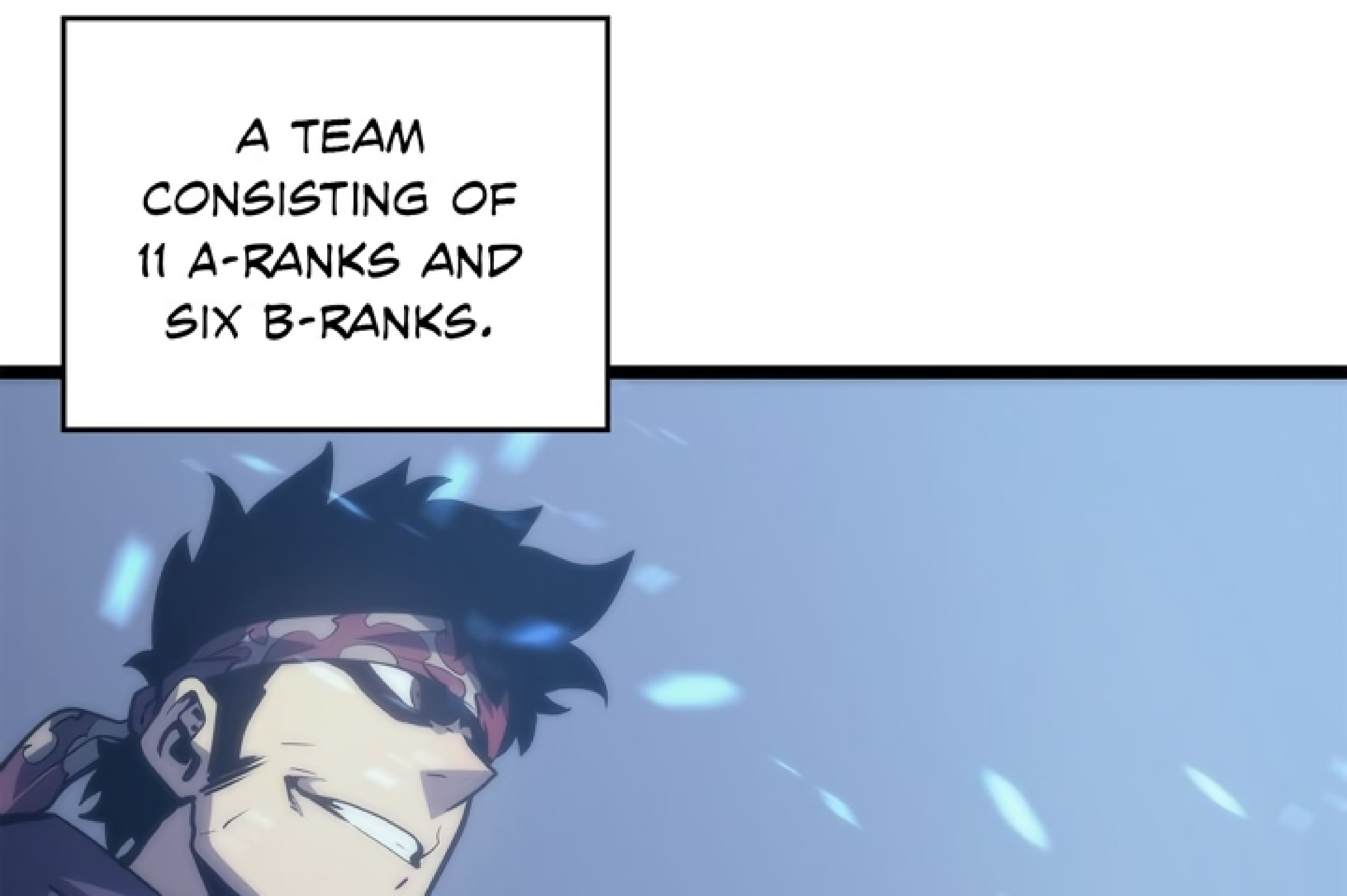

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
MY NAME IS SON KIHOON AND I'M THE LEADER OF TODAY'S STRIKE SQUAD.
I'M SUNG JINWOO.

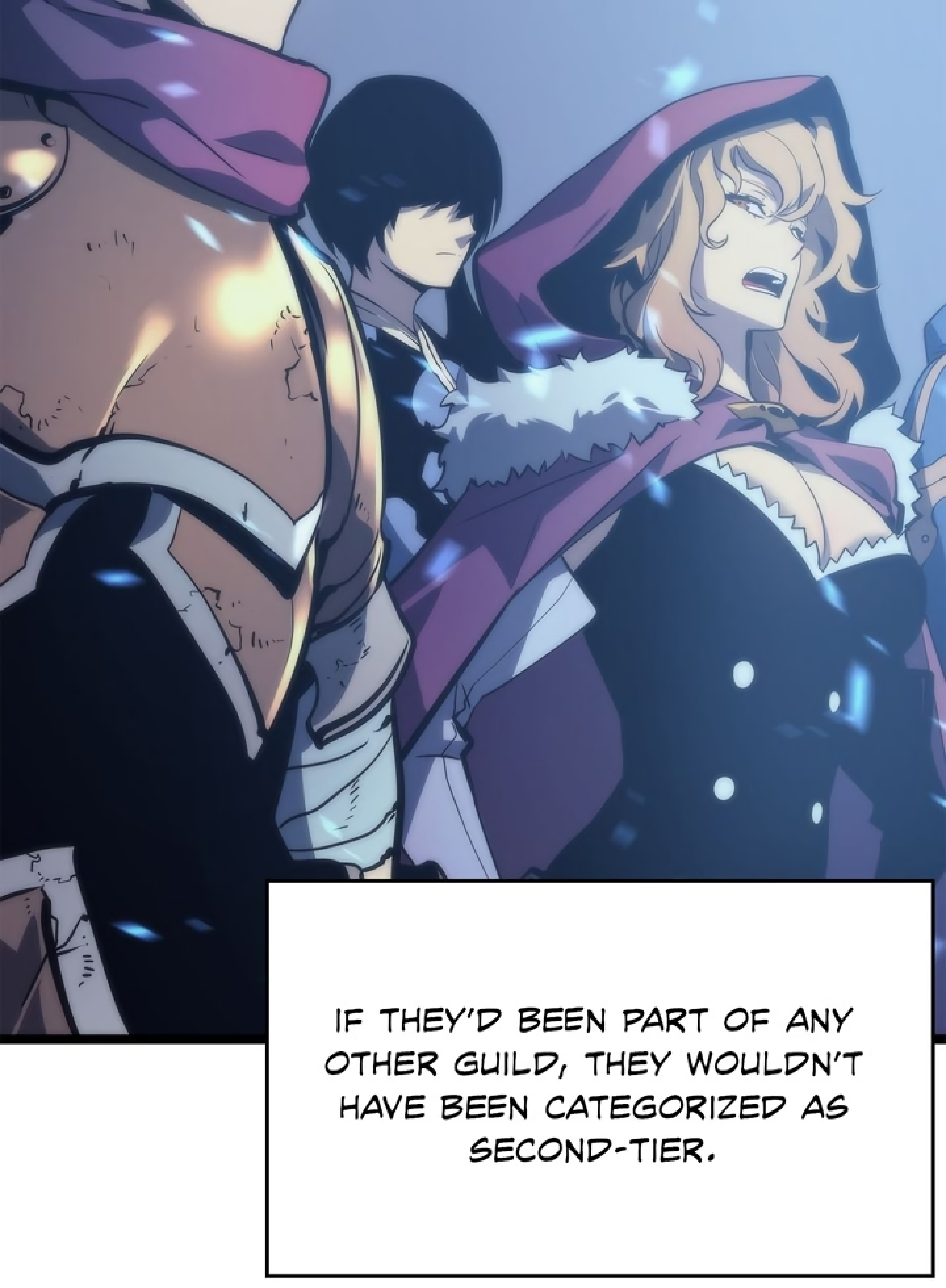

I HOPE THE BAGS AREN'T TOO HEAVY FOR YOU.
I CAN MANAGE.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STRUGGLING.


YESTERDAY'S GATE WAS GIGANTIC, BUT...
I FEEL LIKE THIS ONE IS EVEN BIGGER.
WOW, LOOKS HUGE.
YOU SAID YESTERDAY WAS YOUR FIRST TIME WORKING FOR THE MINING TEAM, RIGHT?
I GUESS THAT MEANS TODAY'S YOUR SECOND TIME SEEING AN A-RANK GATE.

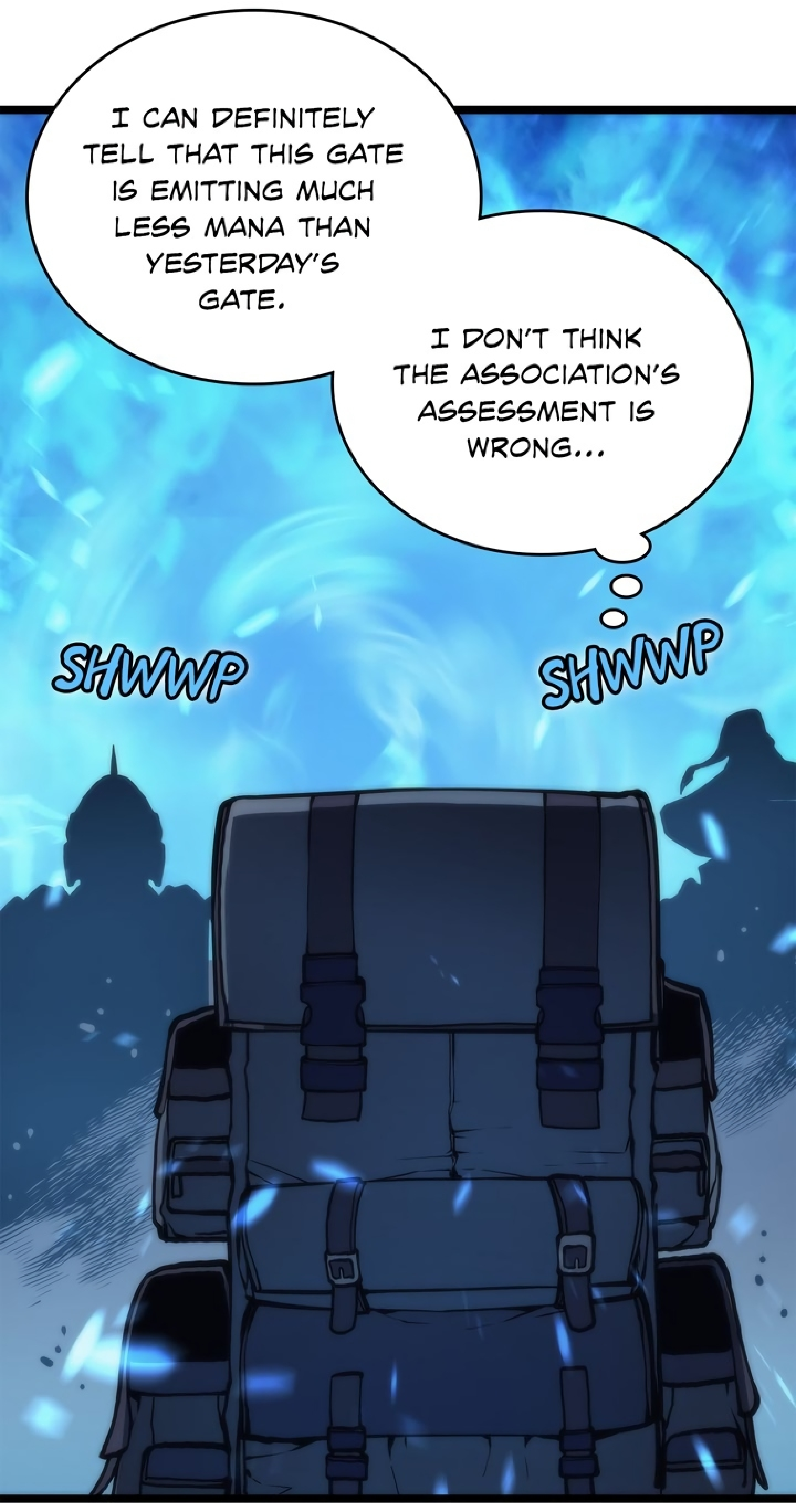

TODAY'S GATE IS QUITE BIG, BUT ITS MANA LEVELS ARE LOWER THAN YESTERDAY'S GATE.
IF THE GATE HAD BEEN TOO DANGEROUS, THE GUILD WOULDN'T HAVE TRUSTED A SECOND-TIER STRIKE SQUAD LIKE US TO TAKE CARE OF IT.


THE HUNTERS' SECOND-TIER STRIKE SQUAD...
THEY'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY'S SQUAD. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THERE ARE NO S-RANK HUNTERS.


A TEAM CONSISTING OF 11 A-RANKS AND SIX B-RANKS.

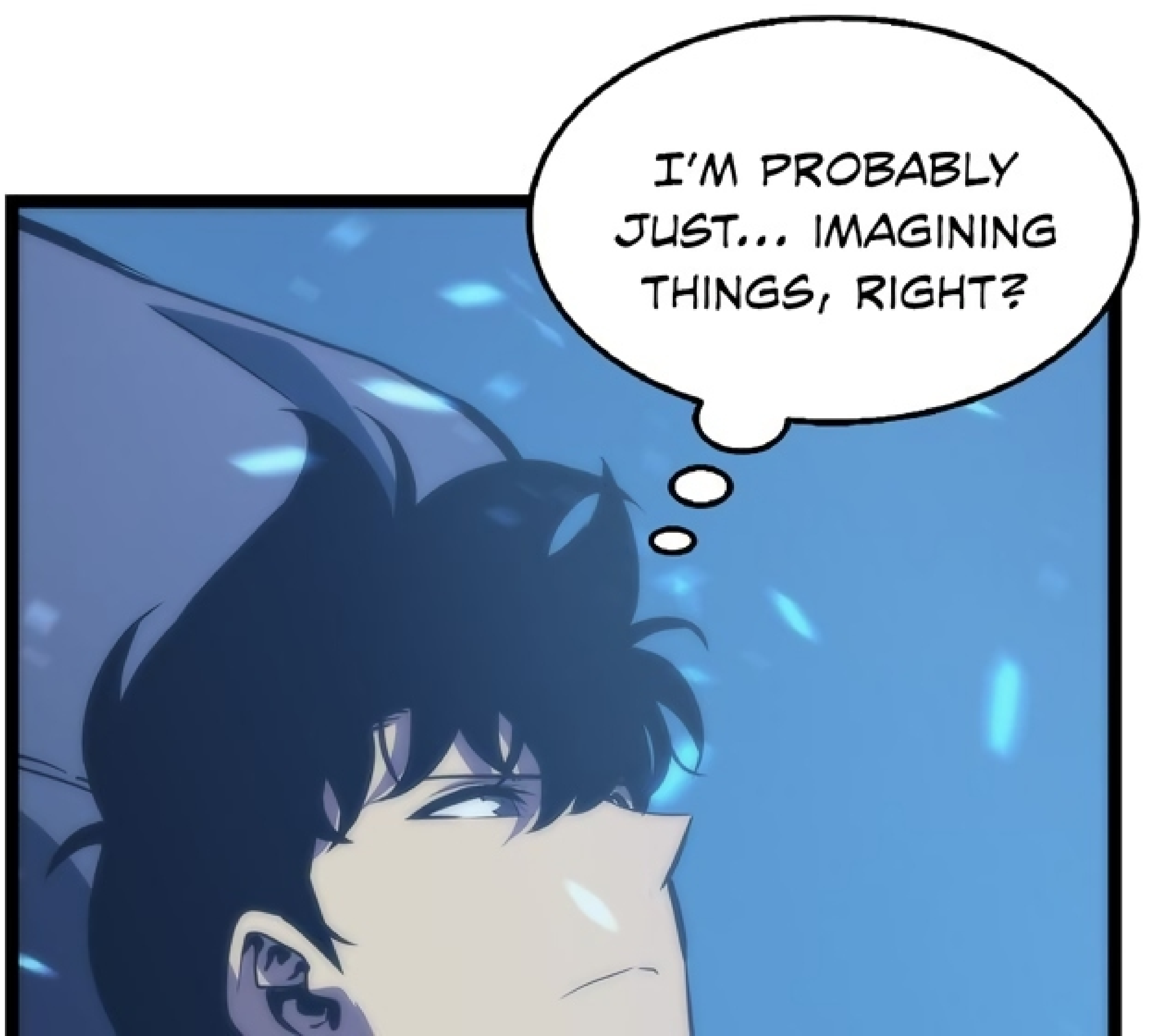

IF THEY'D BEEN PART OF ANY OTHER GUILD, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN CATEGORIZED AS SECOND-TIER.

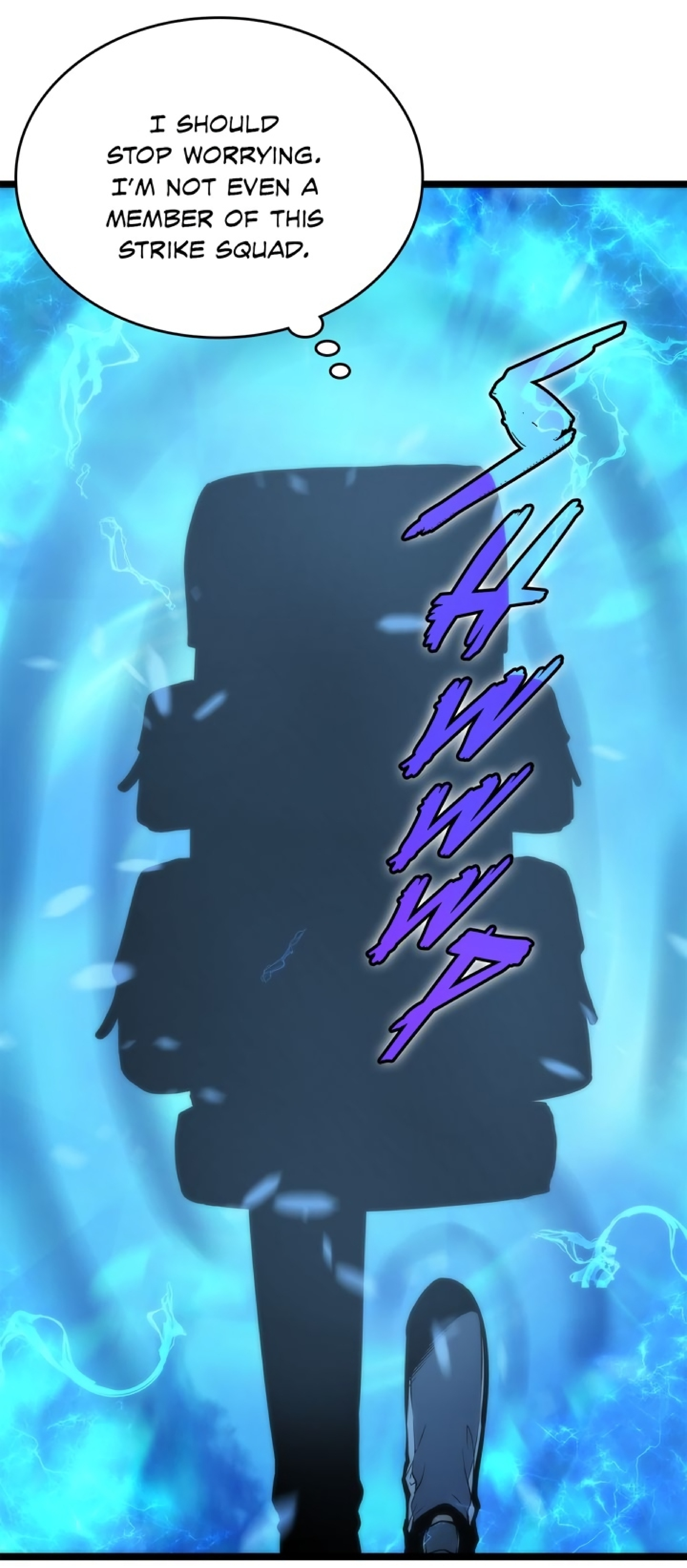
NOW THEN, LET'S HEAD INSIDE.

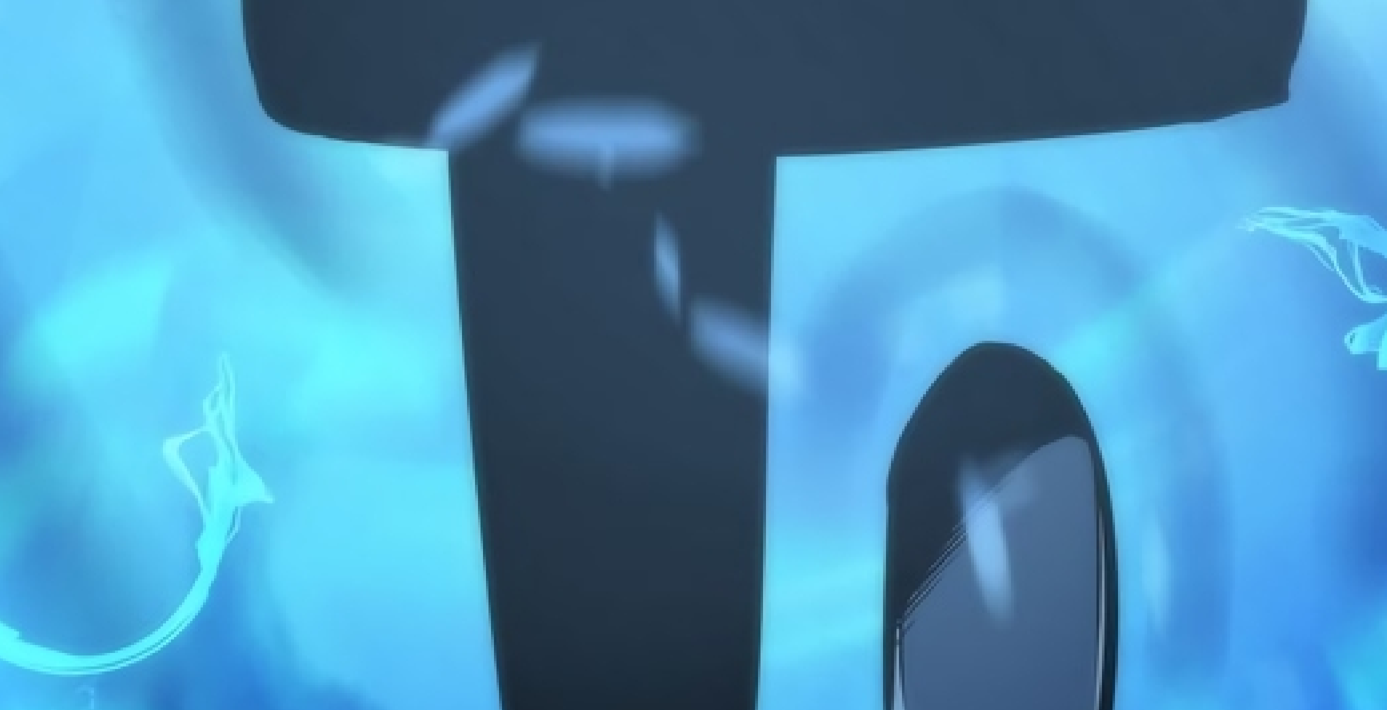

I CAN DEFINITELY TELL THAT THIS GATE IS EMITTING MUCH LESS MANA THAN YESTERDAY'S GATE.
I DON'T THINK THE ASSOCIATION'S ASSESSMENT IS WRONG...
SHWWP
SHWWP

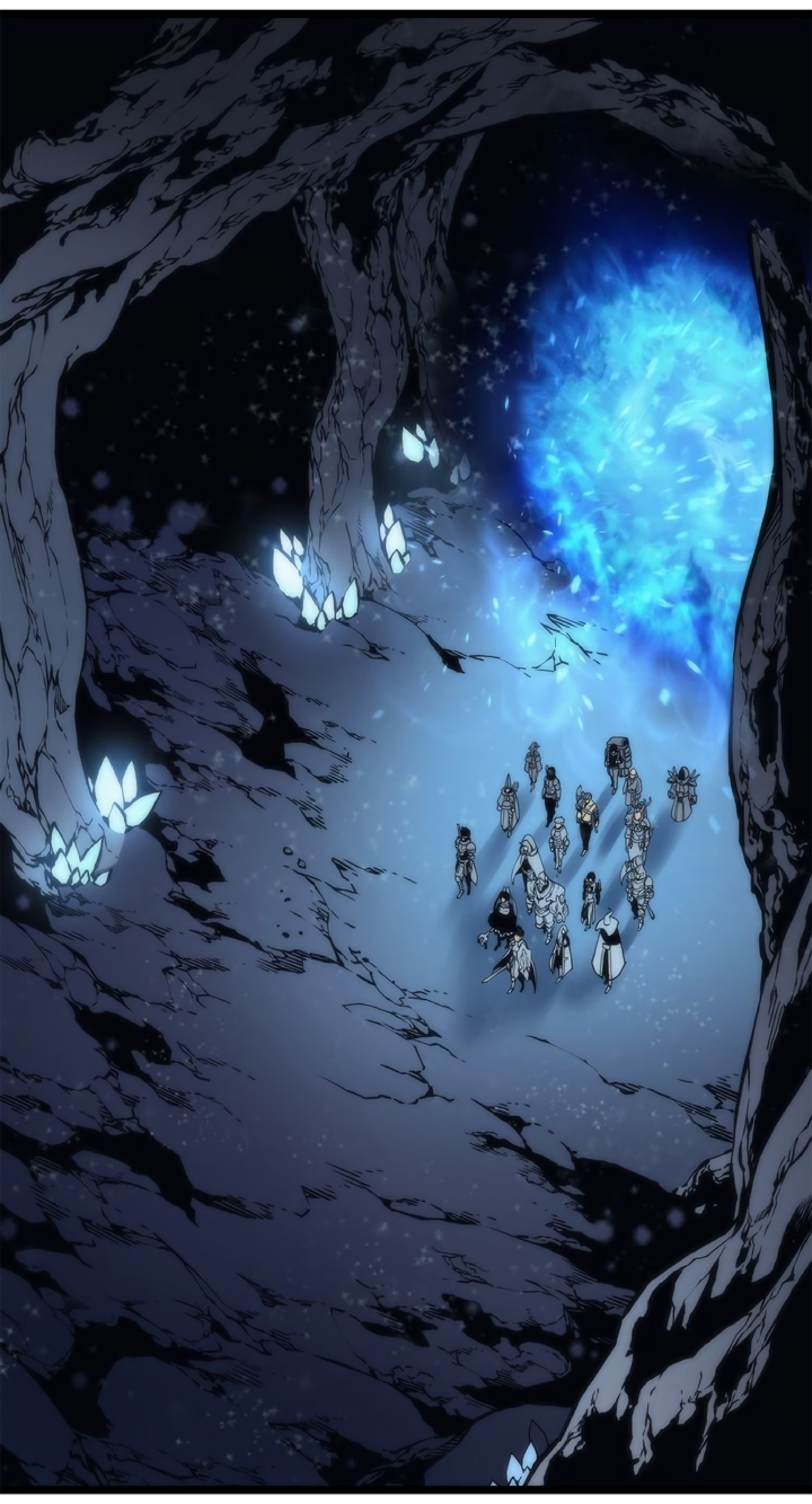
SO WHY IS IT THAT...

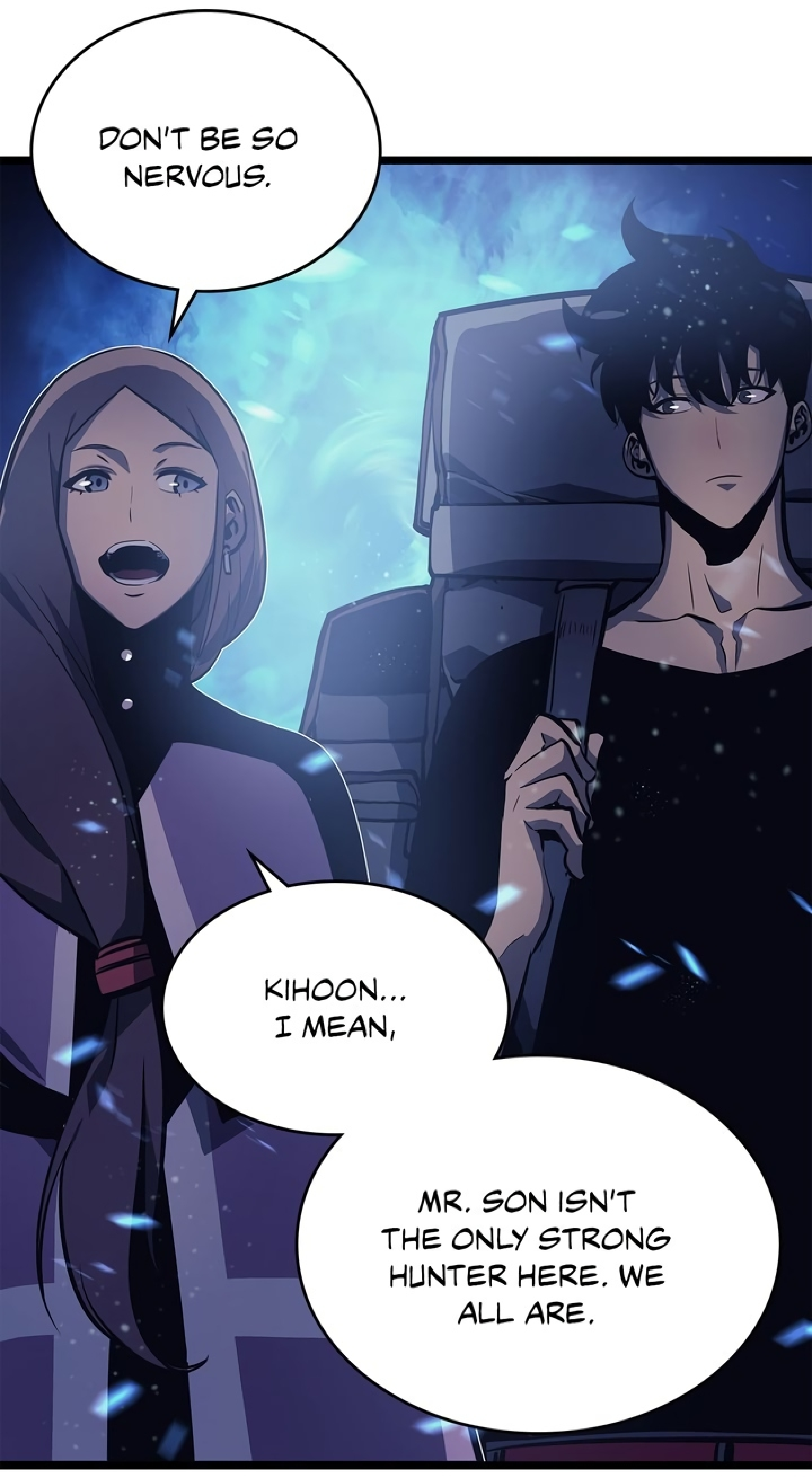
...I FEEL A STRANGE SENSE OF FOREBODING, JUST LIKE WHEN I STOOD IN FRONT OF THE RED GATE?


I'M PROBABLY JUST... IMAGINING THINGS, RIGHT?

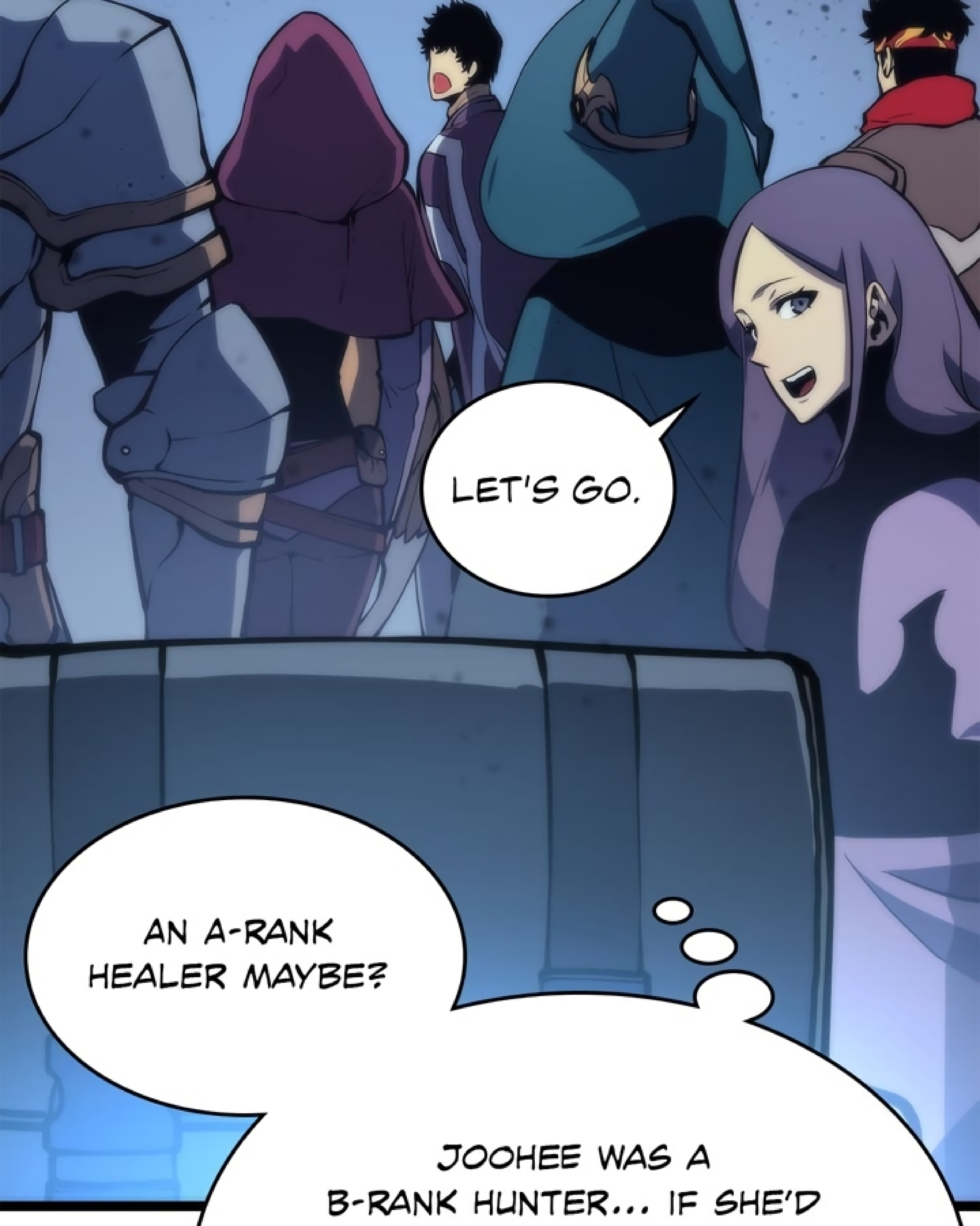

I SHOULD STOP WORRYING. I'M NOT EVEN A MEMBER OF THIS STRIKE SQUAD.
SHWWWP

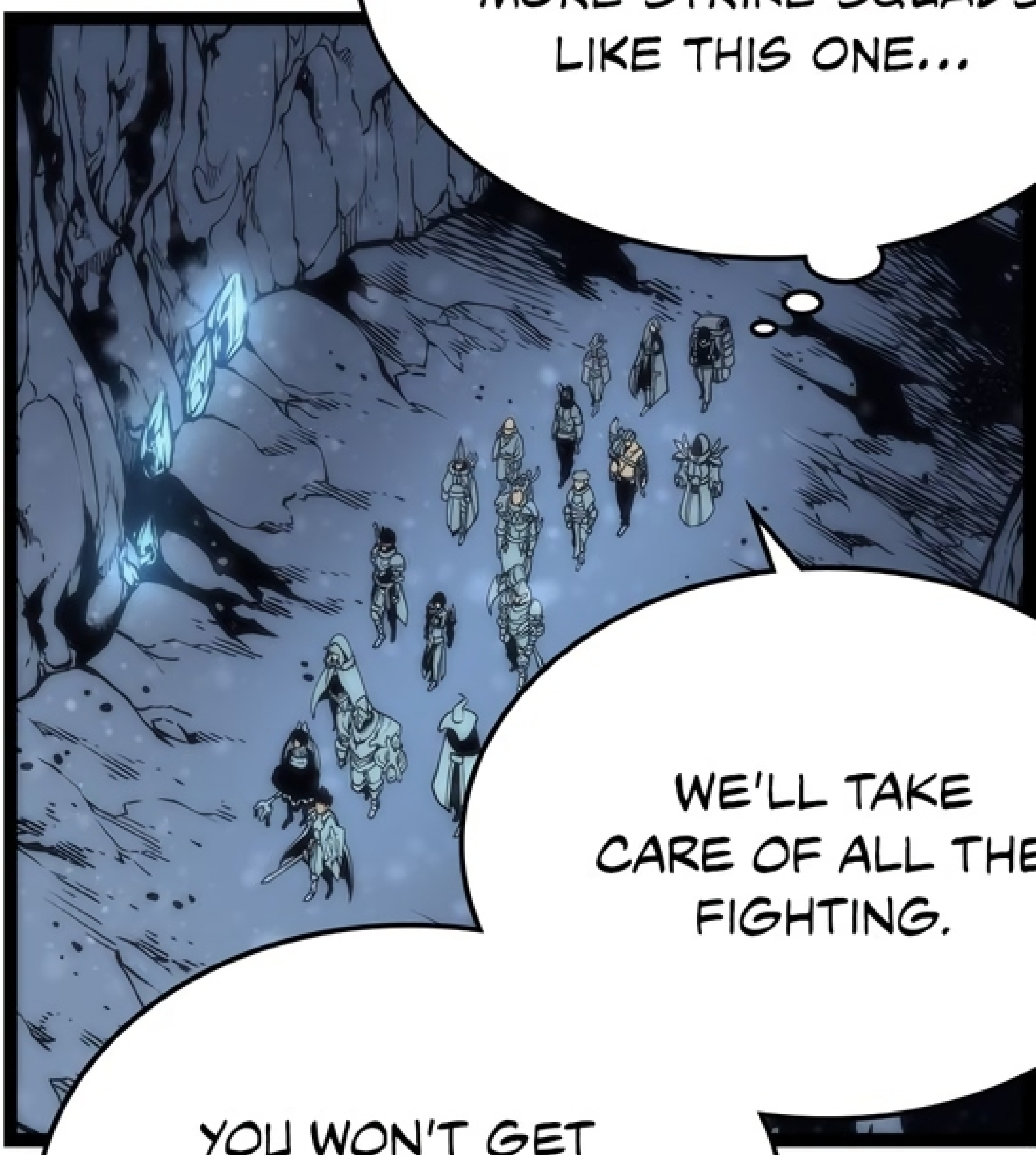

DING
[YOU HAVE ENTERED A DUNGEON.]

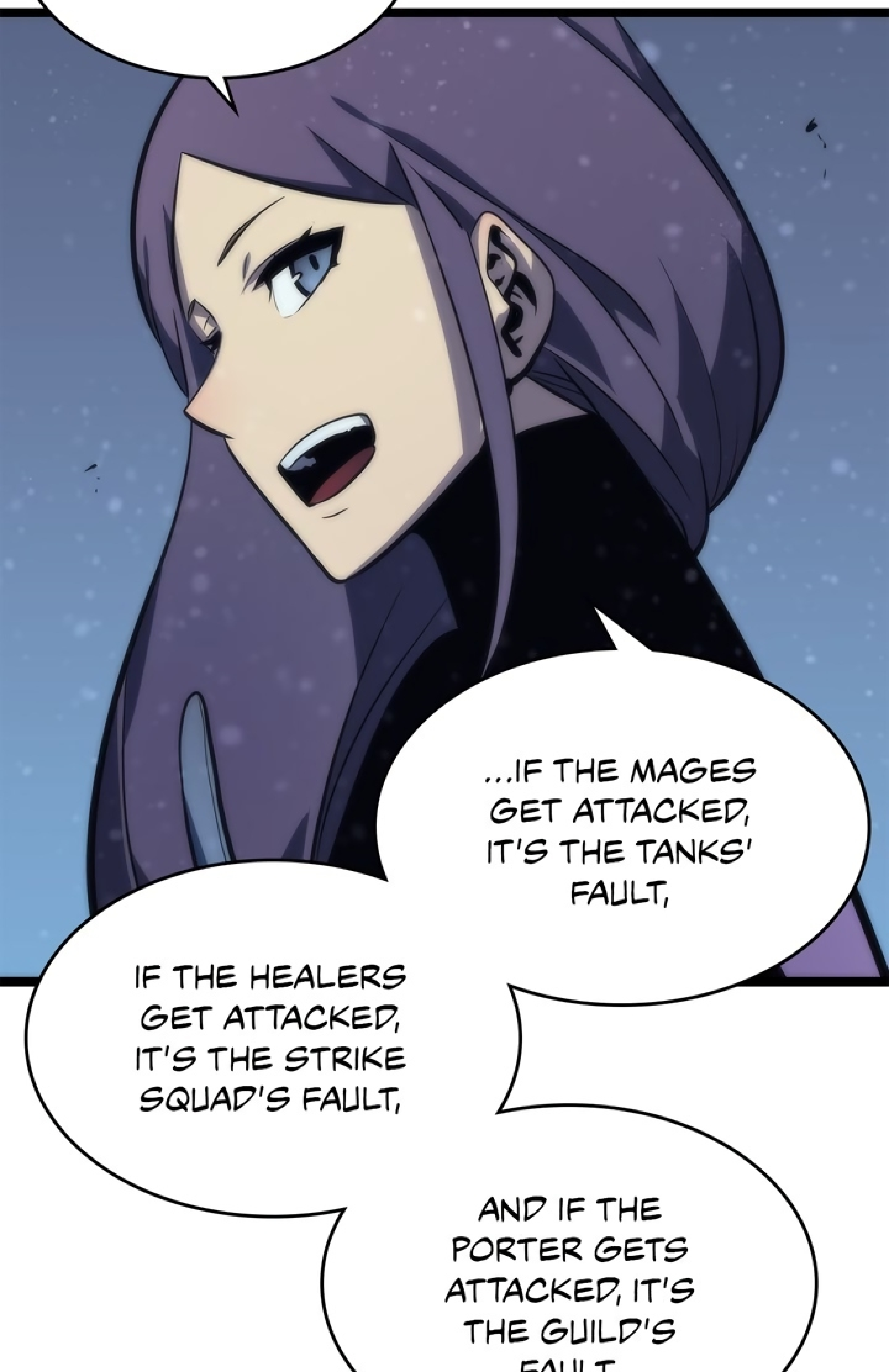



DON'T BE SO NERVOUS.
KIHOON... I MEAN,
MR. SON ISN'T THE ONLY STRONG HUNTER HERE. WE ALL ARE.

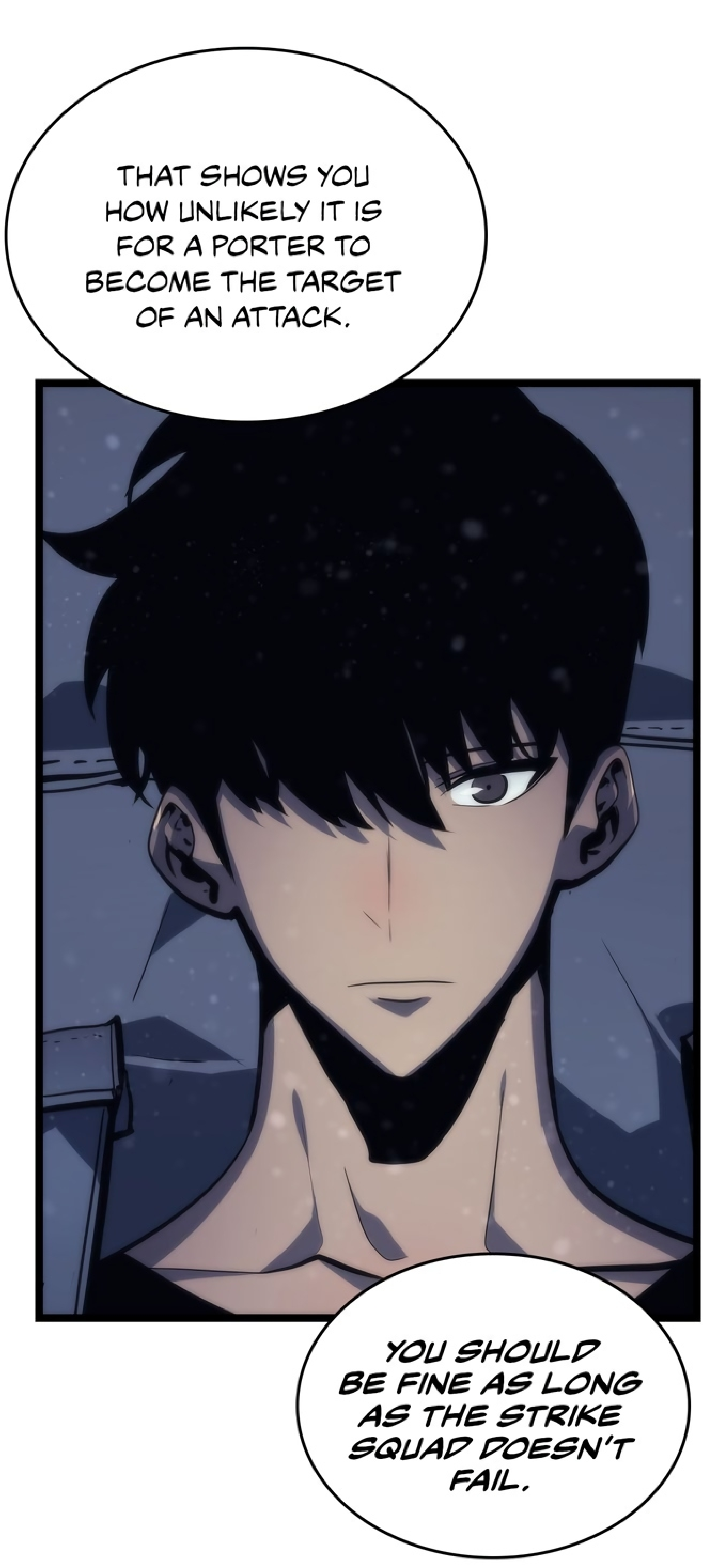
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET STARTED.

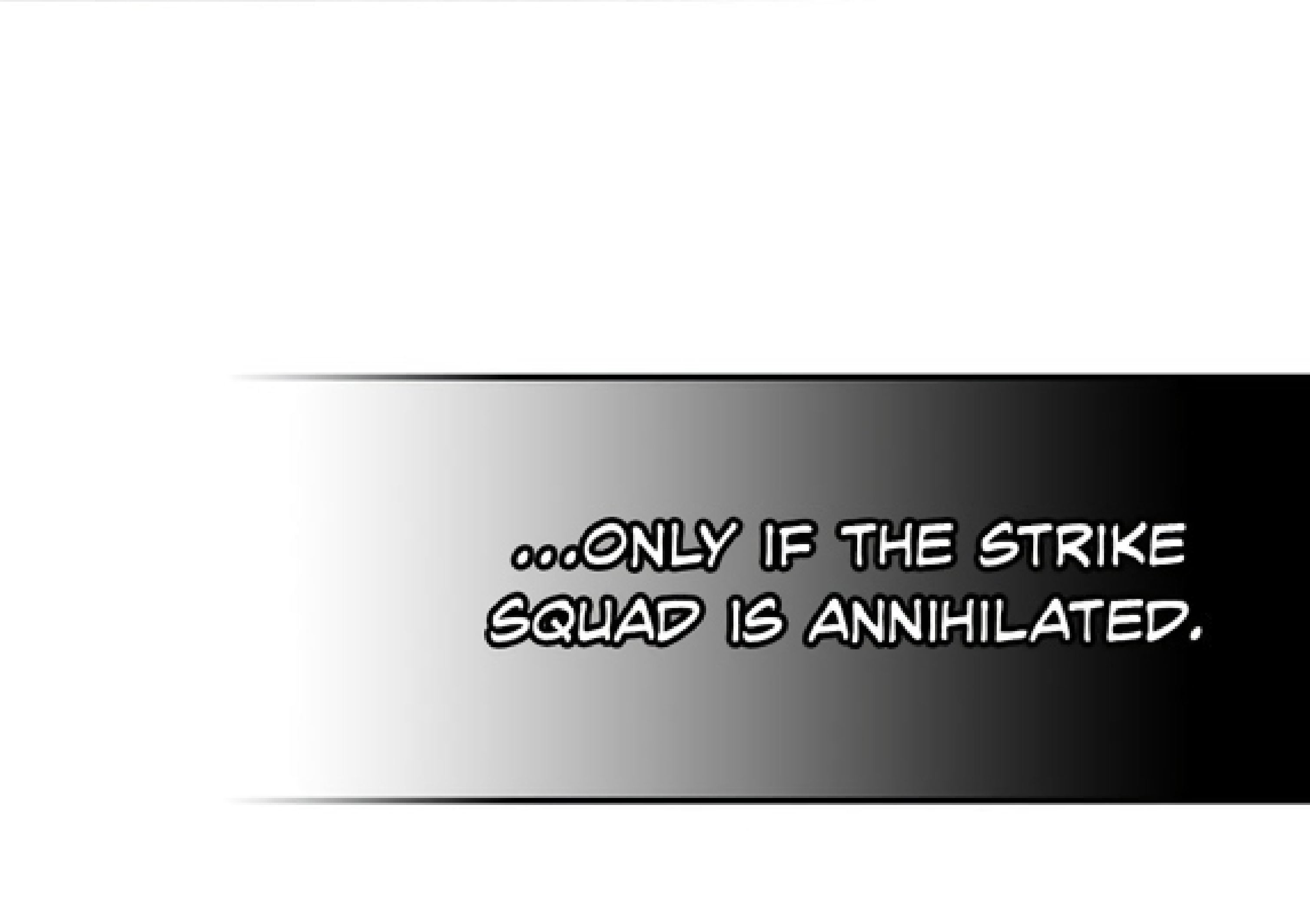

LET'S GO.
AN A-RANK HEALER MAYBE?
JOOHEE WAS A B-RANK HUNTER... IF SHE'D BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME HER TRAUMA, SHE WOULD'VE BEEN PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF JOINING A STRONG STRIKE SQUAD LIKE THIS ONE.
ALL SIX OF THE B-RANK HUNTERS HERE ARE AS STRONG AS A-RANKS.
I GUESS THE HUNTERS GUILD HAS TWO OR MORE STRIKE SQUADS LIKE THIS ONE...

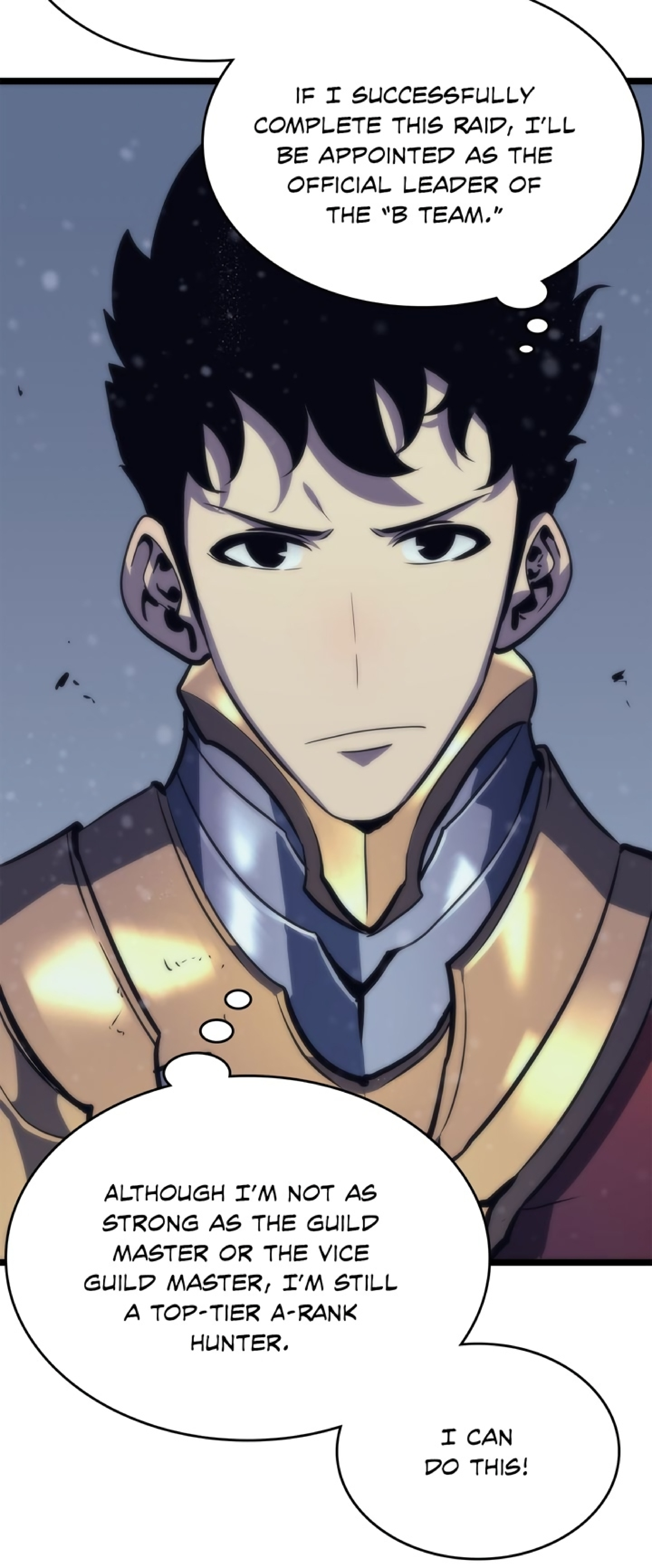

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL THE FIGHTING.
YOU WON'T GET ATTACKED AS LONG AS YOU STAY CLOSE BEHIND US.
THERE'S A SAYING THAT GOES...

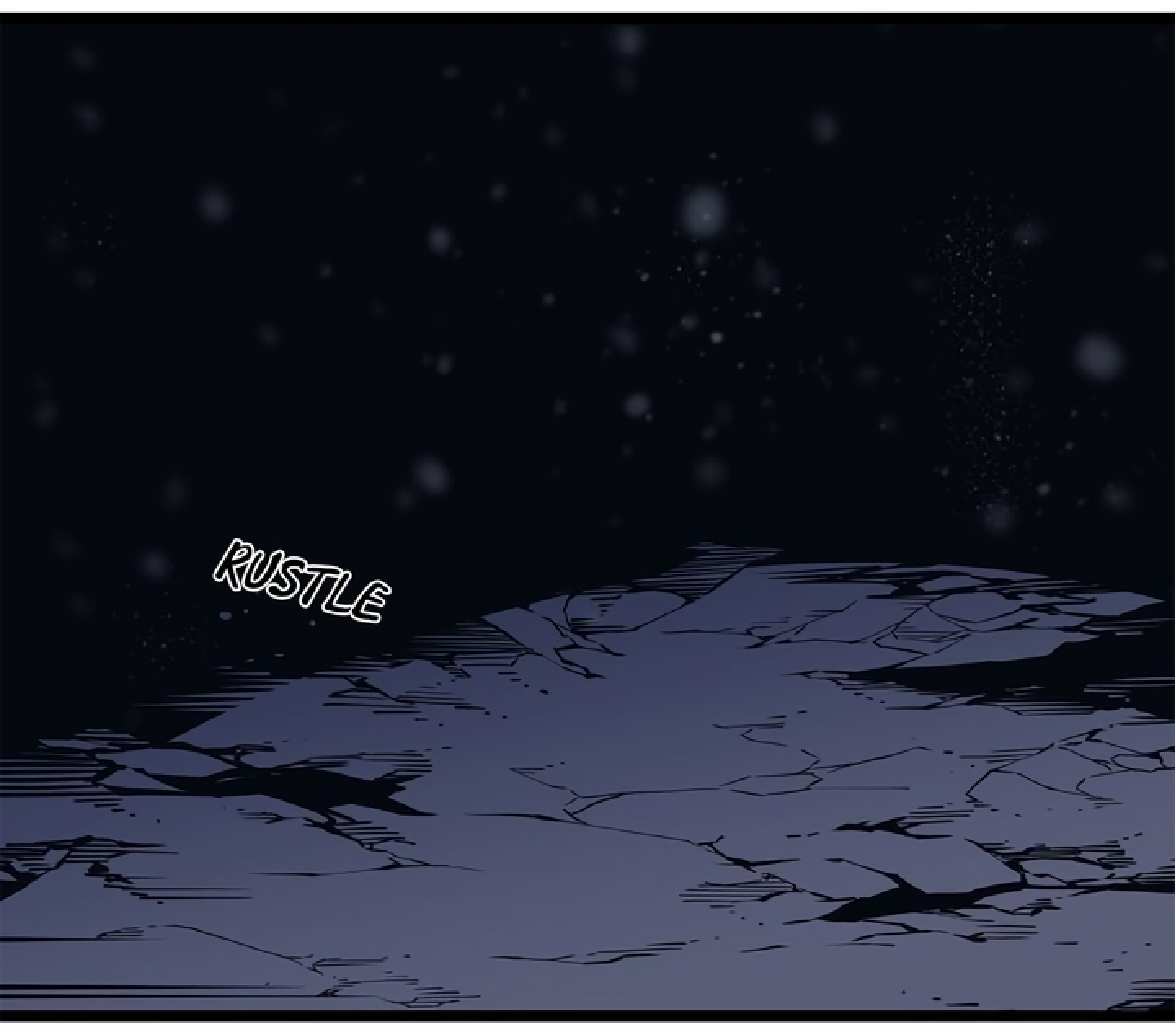

...IF THE MAGES GET ATTACKED, IT'S THE TANKS' FAULT,
IF THE HEALERS GET ATTACKED, IT'S THE STRIKE SQUAD'S FAULT,
AND IF THE PORTER GETS ATTACKED, IT'S THE GUILD'S FAULT

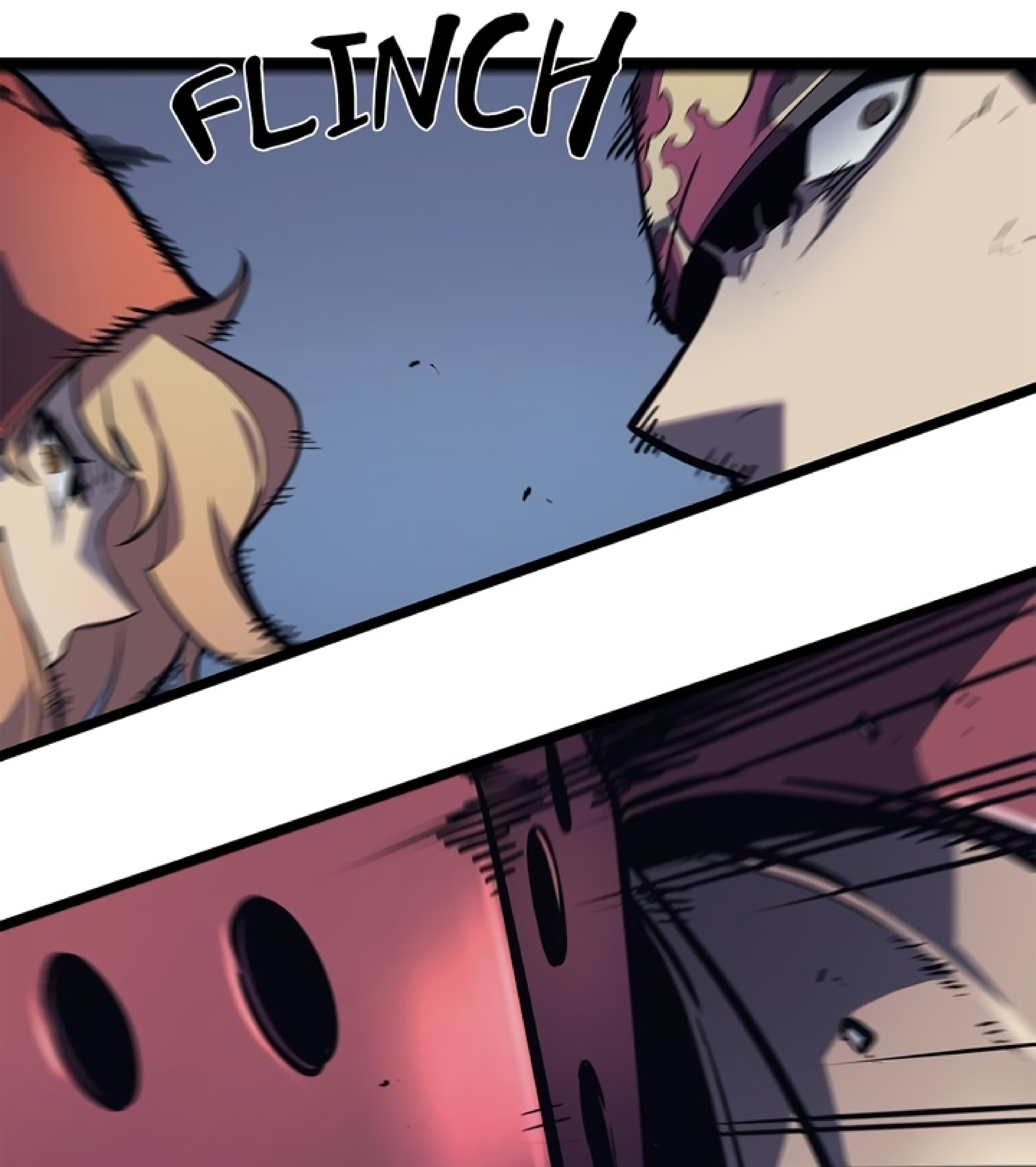
FAULT.


THAT SHOWS YOU HOW UNLIKELY IT IS FOR A PORTER TO BECOME THE TARGET OF AN ATTACK.
YOU SHOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS THE STRIKE SQUAD DOESN'T FAIL.
THE PORTER WILL BECOME THE TARGET OF AN ATTACK...
...ONLY IF THE STRIKE SQUAD IS ANNIHILATED.


WHEW...
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME LEADING A STRIKE SQUAD AFTER JOINING THE HUNTERS GUILD...


IF I SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS RAID, I'LL BE APPOINTED AS THE OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE "B TEAM."
ALTHOUGH I'M NOT AS STRONG AS THE GUILD MASTER OR THE VICE GUILD MASTER, I'M STILL A TOP-TIER A-RANK HUNTER.
I CAN DO THIS!


RUSTLE


FLINCH

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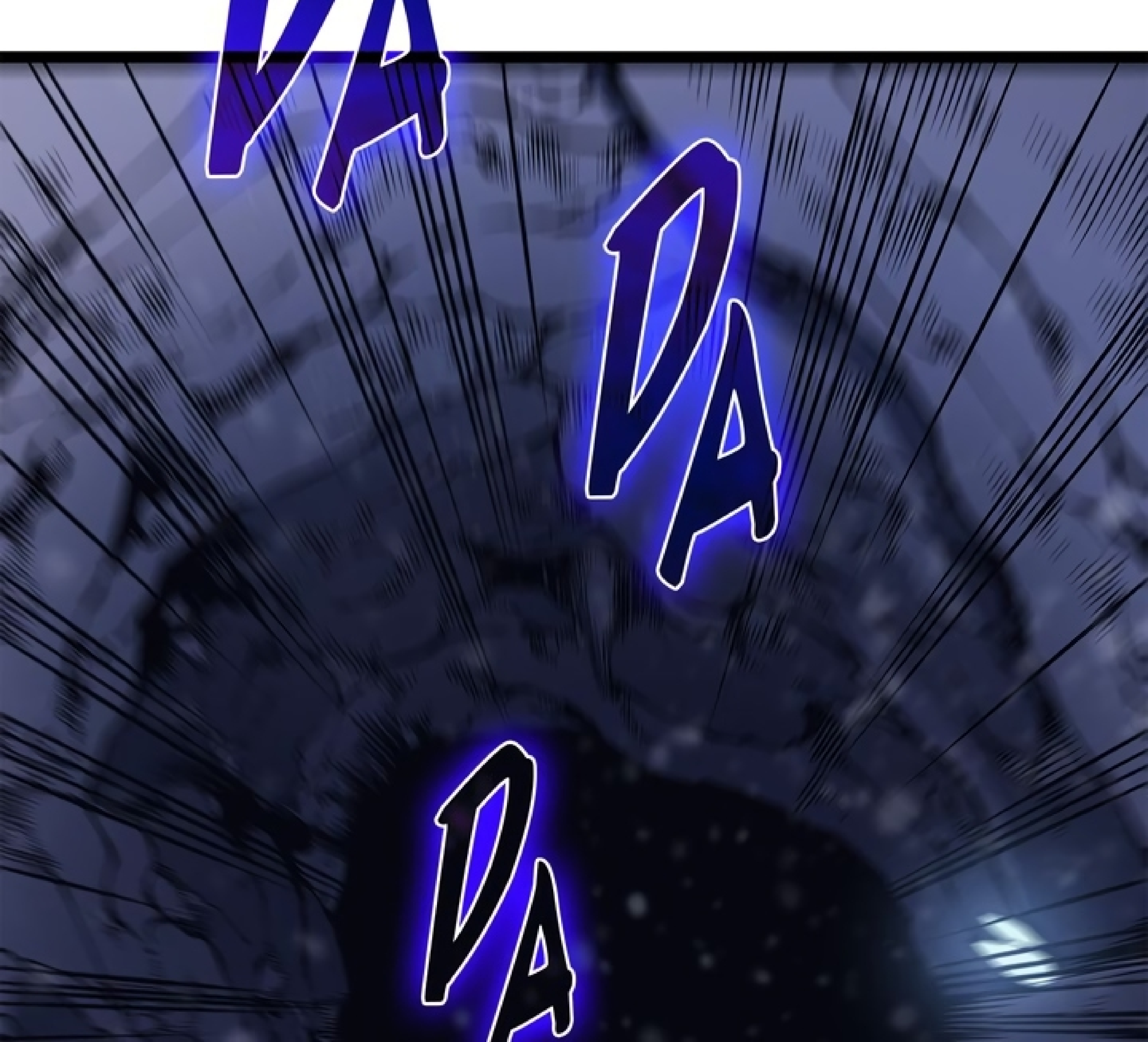
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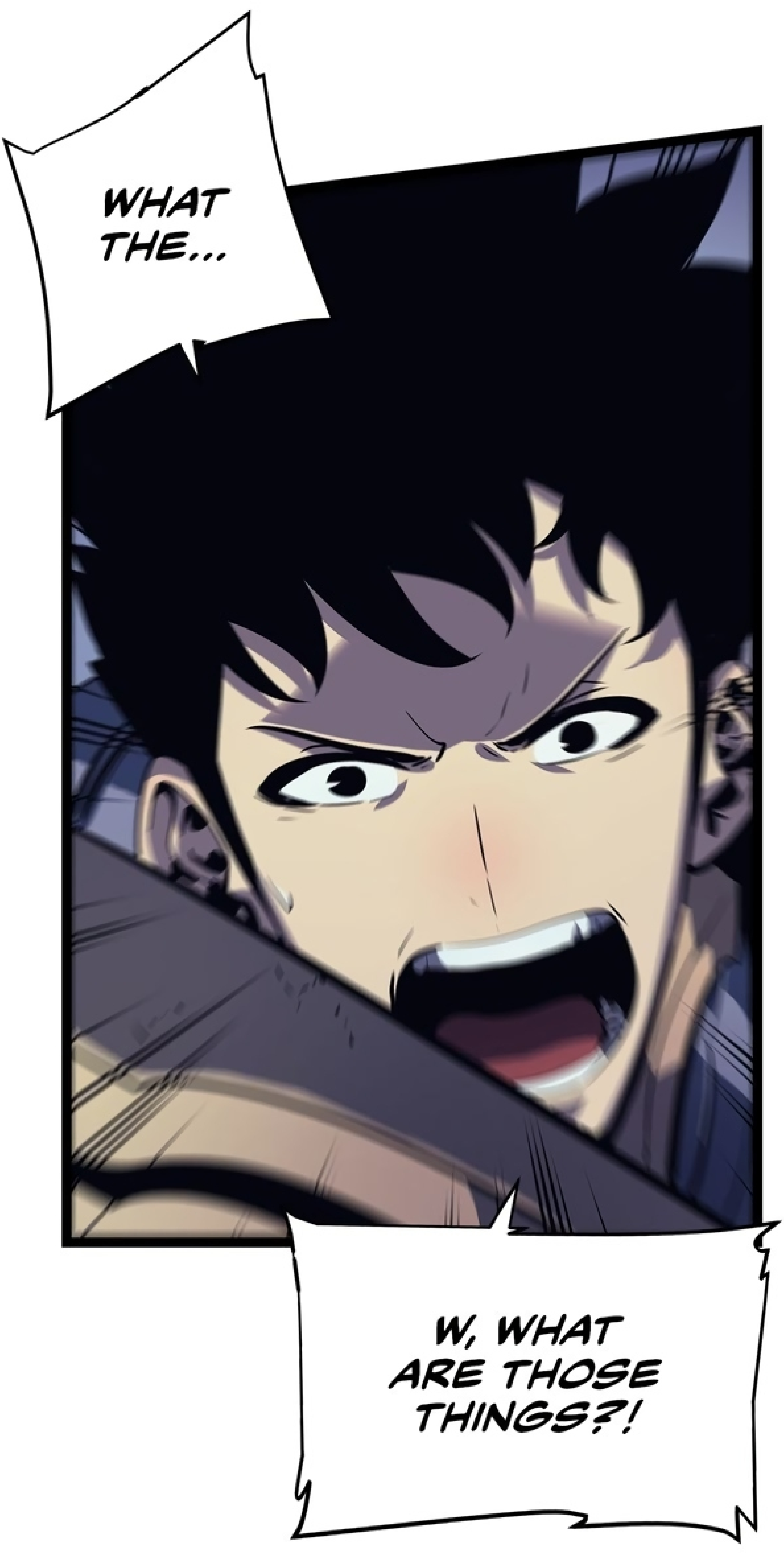
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W, WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?!

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